

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

In the Matter of:

Freedom Post Office
Freedom, Wyoming 83120

Docket No. A2011-93

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE NOTICE OF FILING
(October 12, 2011)

By means of Order No. 886 (September 30, 2011), the Postal Regulatory Commission docketed correspondence from customers of the Freedom, Wyoming Post Office, assigning PRC Docket No. A2011-93 as an appeal pursuant to 39 U.S.C. § 404(d). That Order, at page 3, set October 12, 2011 as the date by which “[t]he Postal Service shall file the applicable administrative record regarding this appeal” or “any responsive pleading.” This pleading responds to that directive.

Today the Postal Service files the electronic version of the administrative record concerning the Final Determination to Close the Freedom, WY Post Office and Establish Service by Highway Contract Route Service.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
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OFFICE NAME: Freedom, WY 83120

DOCKET #: 1364103-83120

1. Request/approval to study for discontinuance.
2. Notice (If appropriate) to Headquarters of suspension.
3. Notice (If appropriate) to customers/district personnel of suspension
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40. Analysis of comments
41. Revised proposal (If appropriate)

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43. Certification of record
44. Log of Post Office discontinuance actions
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47. Final determination transmittal letter from Headquarters
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49. Round date stamped final determination
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51. Vice President, Delivery and Retail instruction letter

12/27/2010

SELWYN EPPERSON
DISTRICT MANAGER
COLORADO/WYOMING PFC

SUBJECT: Authority to Conduct Investigation

I request your authorization to investigate a possible change in postal services for the office in the 1st congressional district.

Post Office Name:	FREEDOM
Zip+4 Code:	83120-9901
EAS Level:	11
Finance Number:	573572
County:	USA
Proposed Admin Office:	AFTON PO
ADMIN Miles Away:	20.8
Near Office Name:	THAYNE PO
Near Miles Away:	6.0
Number of Customers:	
Post Office Box:	156
General Delivery:	0
Rural Route (RR):	0
Highway Contract Route (HCR):	71
Intermediate RR:	0
Intermediate HCR:	0
City Delivery:	0
Total Customers:	227

The above office became vacant when the postmaster was promoted on 06/01/2009.

1. Declining workload 2. Proximity to other offices 3. Alternate service could be provided by other means

GARY SIMS
Manager, Post Office Operations

Approval to Study for Discontinuance:

SELWYN EPPERSON
DISTRICT MANAGER
COLORADO/WYOMING PFC

12/27/2010

DATE

cc: Area Manager, Public Affairs and Communication



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NOTICE OF POST OFFICE EMERGENCY SUSPENSION

A. Office

Name: FREEDOM State: WY Zip Code: 83120
Area: WESTERN District: COLORADO/WYOMING PFC
Congressional District: 1st County: USA
EAS Grade: 11 Finance Number: 573572
Post Office: ☒ Classified Station ☐ Classified Branch ☐ CPO ☐

- There was no Emergency Suspension for this office

Prepared by: Marcela Juarez Rivera
Title: COLORADO/WYOMING PFC Post Office Review Coordinator
Tele No: (303) 853-6676

Date: 03/15/2011
Fax No: (303) 853-6442



NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS/DISTRICT PERSONNEL OF SUSPENSION

A. Office

Name: FREEDOM State: WY Zip Code: 83120
Area: WESTERN District: COLORADO/WYOMING PFC
Congressional District: 1st County: USA
EAS Grade: 11 Finance Number: 573572
Post Office: ☒ Classified Station ☐ Classified Branch ☐ CPO ☐

There was no Emergency Suspension for this office

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Post Office™ Locations

Post Office™ Locations near 83120



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1 **Post Office™ Location - ETNA**
107857 N US
HIGHWAY 89
ETNA, WY 83118-
9700
(800) ASK-USPS
(800) 275-8777
(307) 883-2220

1.0 mi

Business Hours
Mon-Fri
9:00am-3:00pm
Sat
9:00am-12:00pm
Sun
closed

2 **Post Office™ Location - FREEDOM**
5740 COUNTY ROAD
125
FREEDOM, WY
83120-9901
(800) ASK-USPS
(800) 275-8777
(307) 883-2811

3.6 mi

Business Hours
Mon-Fri
8:30am-4:30pm
Sat
9:00am-12:00pm
Sun
closed

Services
[PO Boxes Online](#)

Service hours may vary. Please
check link for business hours.

3 **Post Office™ Location - THAYNE**
390 N MAIN ST
THAYNE, WY 83127-
9902
(800) ASK-USPS
(800) 275-8777
(307) 883-2477

6.9 mi

Business Hours
Mon-Fri
7:30am-1:30pm
2:00pm-4:00pm
Sat
8:45am-11:45am
Sun
closed

Services
[Passport Application](#)
[Services](#)
[PO Boxes Online](#)

Service hours may vary. Please
check link for business hours.



Eviction Notice

A. Office

Name: FREEDOM State: WY Zip Code: 83120
Area: WESTERN District: COLORADOWYOMING PFC
Congressional District: 1st County: USA
EAS Grade: 11 Finance Number: 573572
Post Office: ☒ Classified Station ☐ Classified Branch ☐ CPO ☐

There was no eviction notice for this office

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Date: 03/29/2011
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Building Inspection Report

A. Office

Name: FREEDOM State: WY Zip Code: 83120
Area: WESTERN District: COLORADO/WYOMING PFC
Congressional District: 1st County: USA
EAS Grade: 11 Finance Number: 573572
Post Office: ☒ Classified Station ☐ Classified Branch ☐ CPO ☐

- There was no building inspection report nor photos for this office

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RE: Freedom Study

Astle, Gary W - Fairview, WY

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PS Form 150, Postmaster Workload Information

Post Office, State & Zip Code FREEDOM, WY 83120		Postmaster's Signature	Date
District Office, State & Zip Code COLORADO/WYOMING PFC, CO 80266		District Manager's Signature K5V700	Date 03/16/2011
(Check Box)		See Instructions on Reverse	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vacancy <input type="checkbox"/> Management Review <input type="checkbox"/> RFR			
1.	Current Office Level		11
2.	Finance Number	(1-6)	573572
3.	General Delivery Families Served	(7-9)	4
4.	Post Office Boxes/Call Boxes Rented	(10-15)	168
5.	Possible City Deliveries	(16-20)	0
6.	Administrative Rural Boxes Served	(21-25)	0
7.	Intermediate Rural Boxes Served	(26-30)	0
8.	Administrative Responsibility form Intermediate Rural Boxes for Other Offices	(31-35)	0
9.	Administrative Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes Served	(36-39)	75
10.	Intermediate Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes Served	(40-43)	0
11.	Administrative Responsibility for Intermediate Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes for Other Offices	(44-47)	0
12.	Number of Carrier Stations/Branches	(48-49)	0
13.	Number of Finance Stations/Branches	(50-51)	0
14.	Number of Contract Stations/Branches & Community Post Offices	(52-53)	0
15a.	Does Office Experience A Seasonal Workload? (box one "Y" if yes, "N" for no) (if you answer "yes" of this question, complete 'Seasonal Workload' section on reverse)	(54)	N
15b.	Duration of Experience A Seasonal Workload? (minimum of 8 weeks)	(55-56)	0
16.	Does Office Perform Outgoing Distribution for Other Offices?	(57)	N
17.	Does Office Perform Incoming Distribution for Other Offices?	(58)	N
18.	Does Office Perform Incoming Secondary Distribution for Other Offices?	(59)	N
19.	Do You Separate All Incoming Letter Size Mail to City & Rural Carrier Routes for Your Own Office?	(60)	Y
20.	Do You Separate All Incoming Flat Size Mail to City & Rural Carrier Routes for Your Own Office?	(61)	Y
21.	Do You Have Responsibility for Vehicle Maintenance Facilities?	(62)	N
22.	Does Your Office Have Administrative Responsibility for an Air Transfer Office?	(63)	N
23.	Is Postmaster Lessor for Government Owned Building?	(64)	N
24.	Does Office Have MPLSM/SPLSM?	(65)	N
25.	Does Office Distribute Food Stamps?	(65)	N

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	Normal	During Seasonal Period
General Delivery Families Served	4	0
Post Office Boxes/Call Boxes Rented	168	0
Possible City Deliveries	0	0
Administrative Rural Boxes Served	0	0
Intermediate Rural Boxes Served	0	0
Administrative Responsibility/Number Intermediate Rural Boxes	0	0
Administrative Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes Served	75	0
Intermediate Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes Served	0	0
Administrative Responsibility/Number Intermediate Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes	0	0

Instructions

1. Enter current evaluated office level.
2. Enter the 8 digit post office finance number.
3. Enter number of general delivery families served.
4. Enter total number of post office boxes and call boxes rented. Do not confuse with the total number available. This total should include boxes rented at classified stations/branches as well as the main office including GPO's.
5. Enter total possible city deliveries. The total reported should equal the total possible deliveries shown on Form 1621, Carrier Route Report, for the previous accounting period.
6. Enter the number of administrative boxes served. This is the number of rural route boxes served, within your ZIP Code ONLY by carriers administratively reporting to you. Do not include boxes on the routes which are in the ZIP Code of an intermediate office.
7. Enter the number of intermediate rural boxes served. This is the number of rural boxes, within your ZIP Code, served by a carrier administratively reporting to another postmaster. For credit, the mail must be incoming to your office and separated to the routes within your ZIP Code by you or your employees prior to carrier sequencing.
8. Enter the number of intermediate rural boxes for which you are administratively responsible. This is the number of boxes served by a carrier administratively responsible to you, but which are located in the ZIP Code for another office.
9. Enter the number of administrative highway contract star route boxes served. This is the total number of star route boxes served within your ZIP Code ONLY by a contractor for whom you have administrative responsibility. Do not include boxes on the routes which are in the same ZIP Code of an intermediate office.
10. Enter the number of intermediate highway contract star route boxes served. This is the total number of star route boxes served within your ZIP Code ONLY by a contractor who administratively reports to another Postmaster. For credit the mail must be incoming to your office and separated to the contract route by you or your employees.
11. Enter the number of intermediate highway contract star route boxes for which you are administratively responsible. This is the number of boxes served by a contractor for whom you are administratively responsible and which are located in the ZIP Code of another office.
12. Enter the number of classified stations and/or branches that have carrier delivery service.

13. Enter the number of classified finance stations and/or branches (without carrier delivery service) staffed by postal employees.
14. Enter the total number of contract stations, rural stations and community post offices.
 - (a) A contract station is a detached finance unit manned by non-postal employees.
 - (b) A rural station is a post office box delivery unit serviced by a rural carrier.
 - (c) A community post office is a contract unit which provides service in a small community.
15. To receive credit for a seasonal workload increase the items shown on the seasonal workload portion of the form must show a 25% increase and must last for a minimum of 8 weeks. The Christmas Season is not to be considered as a seasonal workload increase. Should your office have a seasonal workload increase you should enter the exact number of weeks the season lasts and complete the seasonal workload portion of the form in its entirety.

Questions 16 Thru 25 Should Be Answered Y (Yes) or N (No)

16. Does office separate massed outgoing mail originating in other associate offices to three digit ZIP CODE designating offices and/or area distribution centers and demonstrate a pulling, facing and cancelling operation?
17. Does office separate massed three digit sorted incoming mail to a five digit sort for other associate offices?
18. Does office separate incoming mail to carrier routes for other associate offices?
19. Does office separate all incoming letter size mail to city, rural and/or star routes?
20. Does office separate all incoming flats to city and/or rural carrier routes without assistance from an MPC?
21. Do you have a vehicle maintenance facility under your jurisdiction?
22. Do you have an air transfer office under your jurisdiction?
23. Do you occupy a government-owned building and lease a portion of the building to someone else?
24. Does your office operate a Multiple Position Letter Sorting Machine (MPLSM) or Single Position Letter Sorting Machine (SPLSM)?
25. Does your office distribute food stamps?

Worksheet for calculating Workload Service Credit (WSC) for Post Offices

Worksheet for calculating Workload Service Credit (WSC) for Post Offices

Office Name: FREEDOM
Office Zip+4: 83120-9901 District: COLORADO/WYOMING PFC

Activity WSCs

General Delivery Families Served (Item 3, PS Form 150)	<u>4</u>	X 1.0	=	<u>4</u>
Post Office Boxes/Call Boxes Rented (Item 4, PS Form 150).	<u>168</u>	X 1.0	=	<u>168</u>
Possible City Deliveries (Item 5, PS Form 150)	<u>0</u>	X 1.33	=	<u>0</u>
Administrative Rural Boxes Served (Item 6, PS Form 150)	<u>0</u>	X 1.0	=	<u>0</u>
Intermediate Rural Boxes Served (Item 7, PS Form 150)	<u>0</u>	X 0.7	=	<u>0</u>
Administrative Responsibility for Intermediate Rural Boxes for Other Offices (Item 8, PS Form 150)	<u>0</u>	X 0.3	=	<u>0</u>
Administrative Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes Served (Item 9, PS Form 150)	<u>75</u>	X 1.0	=	<u>75</u>
Intermediate Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes Served (Item 10, PS Form 150)	<u>0</u>	X 0.7	=	<u>0</u>
Administrative Responsibility for Intermediate Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes for Other Offices (Item 11, PS Form 150)	<u>0</u>	X 0.3	=	<u>0</u>
Total Activity WSCs				<u>247</u>

Revenue WSCs

First	25 revenue units: 1.00	X <u>25</u> units	=	<u>25.00</u>
Next	275 revenue units: 0.50	X <u>39</u> units	=	<u>19.50</u>
Next	700 revenue units: 0.25	X <u>0</u> units	=	<u>0.00</u>
Next	5000 revenue units: 0.10	X <u>0</u> units	=	<u>0.00</u>
	Balance of revenue units: 0.01	X <u>0</u> units	=	<u>0.00</u>
Total revenue WSCs:				<u>44.50</u>

Activity WSCs 247 + Revenue WSCs = 44.50 Base WSCs 291.50 = EAS Grade 11

Previous evaluation: EAS grade 11

Effective date of change in service hours: _____ (if appropriate)
(when a vacancy exists, hours must reflect the appropriate EAS grade)

Worksheet completed by:

MARCELA JUAREZ RIVERA

MARCELA.M.JUAREZRIVERA@USPS.GOV

Printed Name

Signature

COLORADO/WYOMING PFC District Review Coordinator

03/29/2011

Title

Date



03/10/2011

OIC/POSTMASTER

SUBJECT: FREEDOM Post Office

As you are aware, the Postal Service is evaluating a possible change in how postal services are provided to FREEDOM customers.

Please conduct the following surveys: Window Transaction Survey, Survey of Incoming Mail, and Survey of Dispatched Mail at the FREEDOM Post Office for a 2-week period. The surveys should begin 03/12/2011 and end on 03/25/2011. Please complete the enclosed forms as accurately as possible.

All forms should be completed by 03/26/2011. The completed forms may become part of an official and public record.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact MARCELA JUAREZ RIVERA, Post Office Review Coordinator, at (303) 853-6676.

MARCELA JUAREZ RIVERA

Post Office Review Coordinator

cc: Official Record

Links: Window Transaction Survey - http://hqcsopps/po_dis/win/in_survey.cfm?fin=1364103

Survey of Incoming Mail - http://hqcsopps/po_dis/invol/in_survey.cfm?fin=1364103

Survey of Dispatched Mail - http://hqcsopps/po_dis/outvol/in_survey.cfm?fin=1364103

Window Transaction Survey

Window Transaction Survey
 PO Name: FREEDOM ZIP+4: 83120 - 9901 Completed By: LANA COZAD
 Survey Period: 03/12/2011 through 03/25/2011

Record the number of retail window transactions in the appropriate columns for each day. Consider a sale of stamps as one transaction. A sale of stamps and a money order is two transactions. Do not record the handing out over the counter of box mail, general delivery mail, or carrier mail. Instead of this worksheet, you may use PS Form 2007-A, Window Transaction Record; PS Form 2007-B, Window Transaction Conversion; and PS Form 2007-C, Window Transaction Survey. Use hash marks (///) for daily entries in the columns. To obtain the average daily number of transactions, divide the total number of transactions during the survey period by the number of days in the survey. The allowable time per transaction is shown in each column in minutes. To determine the average daily workload in minutes, multiply the number of transactions in each column by the time conversion for that column, total the time conversions for all columns, and divide the total number of minutes by the number of days in the survey period.

Day/Date	Postage Sales (.777)	Priority Parcels Money Orders (1.083)	Express Registered C.O.D. (1.969)	Passports Meter Settings (5.06)	Box Rent (2.875)	Certified Insured Special Service (1.792)	Misc. Services (1.787)	Nonrevenue Services (1.188)
Sat - 03/12	3	0	0	0	2	1	0	2
Sun - 03/13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mon - 03/14	9	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Tue - 03/15	2	6	1	0	0	1	0	4
Wed - 03/16	7	1	0	0	1	1	0	8
Thu - 03/17	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Fri - 03/18	3	4	0	0	0	1	0	4
Sat - 03/19	6	3	0	0	0	3	0	2
Sun - 03/20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mon - 03/21	5	7	0	0	1	1	0	2
Tue - 03/22	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	5
Wed - 03/23	6	5	2	0	2	1	0	4
Thu - 03/24	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	3
Fri - 03/25	5	2	0	0	0	3	0	8
TOTALS	57	38	3	0	7	12	0	49
Time Factor	X .777	X 1.083	X 1.969	X 5.06	X 2.875	X 1.792	X 1.787	X 1.188
Daily Average	3.7	3.4	0.5	0.0	1.7	1.8	0.0	4.9
Average Number Daily Transactions:								
13.8				Average Daily Retail Workload in Minutes:				
				16.0				

Survey of Incoming Mail

Survey of Incoming Mail
(Record in Pieces)

Post Office Name and Zip+4: FREEDOM 83120 - 9901
Dates Recorded: 03/12/2011 through 03/25/2011

Date	Letters		Flats		Parcels		Other	
	First Class	Standard	First Class	Standard	Priority	Standard		
Sat - 03/12	681	397	21	201	3	19	0	0
Sun - 03/13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mon - 03/14	851	57	11	230	9	18	1	0
Tue - 03/15	511	511	4	86	3	6	0	0
Wed - 03/16	284	284	11	115	3	14	0	0
Thu - 03/17	397	341	161	345	5	6	0	0
Fri - 03/18	624	170	18	173	7	25	0	0
Sat - 03/19	624	341	11	259	6	11	0	0
Sun - 03/20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mon - 03/21	454	227	21	230	16	35	0	0
Tue - 03/22	227	227	13	316	3	9	0	0
Wed - 03/23	170	284	14	173	3	2	0	0
Thu - 03/24	568	227	196	58	5	6	0	0
Fri - 03/25	397	397	9	19	4	13	0	0
TOTALS	5,788	3,463	490	2,205	67	164	1	0
Daily Average	482.3	288.6	40.8	183.8	5.6	13.7	0.1	0.0

Signature of Person Making Count: LANA COZAD
Printed Name: LANA COZAD
Date: 03/29/11

Conversion Rate

Letter Type	Total Pieces Per Foot	Flat Type	Total Pieces Per Foot
Manual Letters	227	Manual Flats	115
Automated Letters	215	Automated Flats	115
Sequenced Letters	227	Sequenced Flats	115

Conversion rates are subject to periodic updates which will be published and disseminated when applicable.

Survey of Dispatched Mail

Survey of Dispatched Mail
(Record in Pieces)

Post Office Name and Zip+4

FREEDOM 83120 - 9901

Dates Recorded

03/12/2011 through 03/25/2011

Date	Letters		Flats		Parcels		Other	
	First Class	Standard	First Class	Standard	Priority	Standard		
Sat - 03/12	114	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sun - 03/13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mon - 03/14	51	0	3	0	2	0	0	0
Tue - 03/15	30	0	1	0	5	1	0	0
Wed - 03/16	47	0	3	0	1	0	0	0
Thu - 03/17	41	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Fri - 03/18	32	0	2	0	3	0	0	0
Sat - 03/19	57	0	0	1	3	0	0	0
Sun - 03/20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mon - 03/21	46	0	3	0	4	3	0	0
Tue - 03/22	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wed - 03/23	61	0	1	0	5	4	0	0
Thu - 03/24	36	0	1	0	3	0	0	0
Fri - 03/25	39	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
TOTALS	580	0	14	1	28	10	0	0
Daily Average	48.3	0.0	1.2	0.1	2.3	0.8	0.0	0.0

Signature of Person Making Count:

LANA COZAD

Printed Name:

LANA COZAD

Date:

03/29/11



01/01/1900

OIC/POSTMASTER

SUBJECT: FREEDOM Post Office

Please provide the names and addresses of businesses, religious institutions, civic organizations, and local government offices, and schools that are served by the FREEDOM Post Office. The list of businesses should include small, part-time and in-home businesses, as well as public institutions, such as schools, police departments, etc; religious institutions and businesses physically located outside the community that use retail services on a routine basis at the FREEDOM Post Office. Also, please provide the total number of permit mailers and postage meter customers. Indicate in the space below the total number of Post Office box, general, and street delivery customers served by the office. Return all documents to MARCELA JUAREZ RIVERA by 01/15/1900. This information will be entered into the official record for public viewing.

Post Office Box	<u>168</u>
General Delivery	<u>4</u>
Rural Route (RR)	<u>0</u>
Highway Contract Route (HCR)	<u>75</u>
Intermediate RR	<u>0</u>
Intermediate HCR	<u>0</u>
City Delivery	<u>0</u>
Total Customers	<u>247</u>

If you have any comments on alternate means of providing services to the FREEDOM customers, please provide them below:

MARCELA JUAREZ RIVERA
Post Office Review Coordinator

Comments:

cc: Official Record



03/16/2011

SUBJECT: Possible Discontinuance of Post Office

The Postal Service is currently conducting an investigation concerning the possible discontinuance of the FREEDOM Post Office, 83120 - 9901, located in USA County. Please search your records for any recent reports of mail theft or vandalism in the area.

Please enter your findings in the yellow blocks below. Once complete please click submit. You can print from above. Signatures are captured electronically.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter

MARCELA JUAREZ RIVERA
Post Office Review Coordinator
COLORADO/WYOMING PFC

NBR records of mail theft or vandalism: 0

Comments/Findings:

cc: Official Record

Post Office Survey Sheet

Post Office Name	<u>FREEDOM</u>	ZIP+4	<u>83120-9901</u>
Congressional District	<u>1st</u>	Date	<u>03/29/2011</u>

1. List specific information about the facility, such as structural defects, safety hazards, lack of running water or restrooms (if so, where restrooms are available), security, and other deficiencies or factors to consider.

There is a broken place in the floor shown in one of the pictures with the carpet over it do to the Safe installed wrong and then moved. The building is old and needs a little weatherization. There is only cold water, no hot water.

2. Is the facility accessible to persons with disabilities? ☒ Yes ☐ No

3. Lease terms? 30-day cancellation clause? yes expires 01/31/2014

4. Are suitable alternate quarters available for an independent Post Office? If so, where?

None

5. List potential CPO sites.

None

6. Are there any postage meter customers or permit mailers? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please identify them by name and address.

Silverstar Communication P O Box 226 Freedom Arms 314 Hwy 239

7. Which career and noncareer employees will be affected and what accommodations will be made for them?

1 non career PMR

8. How is mail received and dispatched at the office and at what times? How will this be affected by discontinuance? Will a collection box be retained? Will a locked pouch be utilized?

Freedoms mail comes from the Afton HCR driver and arrives at 9:30 and is dispatched at 3:30.

How Post Office boxes are installed? 220

How Post Office boxes are used? 168

What are the window service hours? 08:30 - 16:30 M-F

09:00 - 12:00 S

What are the lobby hours? 24 M-F

24 S

9. Have there been recent cases of mail theft or vandalism reported to the postmaster/OIC? Explain.

None

10.	What equipment in the Post Office is not owned by the Postal Service (e.g., Post Office Boxes, furniture, safe)?	
	Unknown	
11.	List potential CBU/parcel lockers sites and distances from present Post Office site.	
	Unknown	
12.	Are there any special customer needs? (People who cannot read or write, who cannot drive, who have infirmities or physical handicaps, etc.) How can these people be accommodated?	
	There are 2 customers that use the handy cap parking and a P O employee takes them their mail and helps them from their car.	
13.	Rural delivery/HCR delivery.	
a.	What is current evaluation?	75 boxes
b.	Will this change result in the route being overburned?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	If so, what accommodations will be made to adjust the route?	Split deliveries with 2 HCR drivers in Thayne
c.	How many boxes and miles will be added to the route?	168, box 1 Miles
d.	What would be the additional annual expense if the route is increased?	0
e.	What is the one-time cost of CBU/parcel locker installation (if appropriate)?	10000
f.	At what time of the day does the carrier begin delivery to the community?	10:30
	Will this delivery time be affected if the office is discontinued? (Y or N)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	If so, how?	Unsure
14.	Are the Post Office box fees at the facility that will provide alternative service different from those at the office to be discontinued? If so, how (Cost)? <input type="checkbox"/> More <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same <input type="checkbox"/> Less	

Community Survey Sheet

Community Survey Sheet

Post Office Name	<u>FREEDOM</u>	ZIP+4	<u>83120-9901</u>
Congressional District	<u>1st</u>	Date	<u>03/29/2011</u>

1. Incorporated?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Local government provided by:

Lincoln County Wyoming and Caribou County Idaho

Police protection provided by:

Lincoln County Sheriff's Dept

Fire protection provided by:

Thayne Fire Dept

School location:

Afton, Thayne, and Etna

2. What population growth is expected? (Please document your source)

3.06%

3. What residential, commercial, or business growth is expected? (Please document your source)

Unknown

History. (Are there any special historical events related to the community?)

4. Are there any special community events to consider?

Is the Post Office facility a state or national historic landmark (see ASM 515.23)?

Check with the field real estate office when verification is needed.)

5. What is the geographic/economic make-up of the community (e.g., retirees, commuters, self-employed, farmers)?

There is a mix of all economic classes from wealthy summer home owners to retiree's and commuters working within Star Valley and Jackson. Many are self-employed (see attached listing), and many farmers and ranchers in the area.

6. Which nonpostal services are provided by the Post Office (e.g., public bulletin board, school bus stop, community meeting location, voting place, government form distribution center, Do employees of the office offer assistance to senior citizens and handicapped)?

What provisions can be made for these services if the Post Office is discontinued?

There is a public bulletin board located outside the office. Employees assist 2 handicapped customers.

Highway Contract Route Cost Analysis Form

Highway Contract Route Estimated Cost for Alternative Service

Office Name: FREEDOM

Office Zip+4: 83120 -9901 District: COLORADO/WYOMING PFC

1. Enter the number of additional boxes to be added to the route 168 x 3.64 hours per year 611.52

2. Enter the number of additional miles to be added to the route 1.00 x 10.40 hours per year 10.40

Total time added to the route 621.92

3. Enter the HCR hourly rate (Contact Area Manager, Purchasing/Contracting Officer) 15.00

Total additional compensation (HCR hourly rate x total time added to the route) 9,328.80

Rural Route Cost Analysis Form

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Rural Route Carrier Estimated Cost for Alternative Replacement Service

Office Name: FREEDOM
Office Zip+4: 83120 -9901 District: COLORADO/WYOMING PFC

1. Enter the number of additional boxes to be added to the rural route 0

2. Enter the number of additional miles to be added to the route 0.00
Enter the volume factor 0.00

Total (additional boxes x volume factor) 0.00

3. Enter the number of additional boxes to be added to the rural route 0
Centralized boxes 0.00 x 1.00 Min 0.00
Regular L route boxes 0.00 x 1.82 Min 0.00
Regular Non-L route boxes 0.00 x 2.00 Min 0.00

Total additional box allowance 0.00

4. Enter the number of additional daily miles to be added to the rural route 0.00 x 12 Mileage Standard 0.00

Total additional minutes per week (miles carried to two decimal places) 0.00

5. Total additional annual minutes (additional minutes per week year) 0.00 x 52 Weeks 0.00

6. Total additional annual hours (additional annual minutes/ 60 minutes per hour) 0.00 / 60 Minutes 0.00

7. Enter the rural cost per hour (see national payroll summary report – rural carrier, consolidated) 0.00

Total Annual Cost (additional annual hours x rural cost per hour) 0.00

8. Enter lock pouch allowance (if applicable) 0.00

Total annual cost for alternate service (annual cost minus lock pouch allowance) 0.00

U.S. Postal Service POST OFFICE CLOSING OR CONSOLIDATION PROPOSAL Fact Sheet				1. Date Prepared 03/29/2011																								
2. Post Office Name FREEDOM		3. State and ZIP + 4 Code WY, 83120-9901																										
4. District, Customer Service COLORADO/WYOMING PFC	5. Area, Customer Service WESTERN	6. County USA	7. Congressional District 1st																									
8. Reason for Proposal to Discontinue 1. Declining workload 2. Proximity to other offices 3. Alternate service could be provided by other means		9. PO Emergency Suspend/Reason and Date No Suspension		10. Proposed Permanent Alternate Service																								
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 48%;"> 11. Staffing a. <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM Vacancy Reason & Date, was promoted Occupied 06/01/2009 b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OIC <input type="checkbox"/> Career <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Career c. Current PM POSITION Level (150)EAS-11 Downgraded from EAS-11 d. No of Clerks- 1 No of Career- 0 No of Non-Career- 1 e. No of Others- 0 No of Career- 0 No of Non-Career- 0 </div> <div style="width: 48%;"> 12. Hours of Service a. Time M-F 08:30 - 18:30 Sat 09:00 - 12:00 Total Window Hours Per Week b. Lobby Time M-F 24 Sat 24 43.00 </div> </div>																												
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 48%;"> 13. Number of Customers Served a. General Delivery 4 b. P.O. Box 168 c. City Delivery 0 d. Rural Delivery 0 e. Highway Contract Route Box 75 f. Total 247 g. No. Receiving Duplicate Service 0 h. Average No. Daily Transactions 13.80 </div> <div style="width: 48%;"> 14. Daily Volume (Pieces) <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Types of Mail</th> <th>Received</th> <th>Dispatched</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>a. First-Class</td><td>770</td><td>48</td></tr> <tr><td>b. Newspaper</td><td>224</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>c. Parcel</td><td>18</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>d. Other</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>e. Total</td><td>1,013</td><td>52</td></tr> <tr><td>f. No. of Postage Meters</td><td></td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>g. No. of Permits</td><td></td><td>2</td></tr> </tbody> </table> </div> </div>					Types of Mail	Received	Dispatched	a. First-Class	770	48	b. Newspaper	224	1	c. Parcel	18	3	d. Other	0	0	e. Total	1,013	52	f. No. of Postage Meters		2	g. No. of Permits		2
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15a. Quarters																												
<input type="checkbox"/> Postal Owned <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leased (If Leased, Expiration Date) 01/31/2014 Annual Lease \$ 6260 30-day cancellation clause? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Evicted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (If Yes, must vacate by) Located in: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Other Suitable alternate quarters available? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No																												
15b. Explain:																												
17. Schools, Churches and Organization in Service Area No 1 Freedom LDS Church		19. Administrative/Emanating Office (Proposed) Name ALTON PO EAS Level 15 Miles Away 4.8 Window Service Hours M-F 08:30 17:00 SAT Lobby Hours M-F 24 SAT 24 PO Boxes Available 11																										
18. Businesses in Service Area No 87 See attached list		20. Nearest Post Office (if different from above) Name THAYNE PO EAS Level 15 Miles Away 6.0 Window Service Hours M-F 07:30 18:00 SAT 08:00 11:45 Lobby Hours M-F 24 SAT 24 PO Boxes Available 13																										
21. Prepared by																												
Printed Name and Title LANA COZAD		Signature LANA COZAD		Telephone No. Alt. 1 (303) 863-6676																								
PO Discontinuance Coordinator Name MARCELA JUAREZ RIVERA		Telephone No. AC 1 (303) 863-6676		Location DENVER CO																								

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LDS CHURCH - PO BOX 108
FIBER FUSION - PO BOX 153
SILVERSTAR COMMUNICATIONS - PO BOX 226
ROCKY MOUNTAIN HEATING - PO BOX 228
WYOMING CAB & DELIVERY - PO BOX 242
FREEDOM WATER & SEWER - PO BOX 245
CENTER FOR HEALTHY LIVING - PO BOX 256
DRILL TECH, INC - PO BOX 272
BUTLER LLC - PO BOX 291
AMERICAN RESISTANCE - PO BOX 321
MOUNTAIN MOBILE LOCKSMITH - PO BOX 391
STAR VALLEY ELECTRIC - PO BOX 282
ECHO SERVICES - PO BOX 277
JENKINS HUNTING CAMP - PO BOX 172
TIN CUP SPORTS - PO BOX 110
AAA PLUMBING - PO BOX 161
APOCALYPTIC ENTERPRIS - PO BOX ES 275
TETON PLUMBING - PO BOX 306
YELLOW STONE LANDSCAPING - 1161 PRATER CANYON RD
ROBINSONS ACCOUNTING - PO BOX 335
TOOTHIES - 5476 COUNTY RD 125
JR PAINT - 5476 COUNTY RD 125
NELSON'S DRILLING - 580 HWY 239
CROOK FARMS - 103078 HWY 89
FREEDOM LUMBER - 103454 HWY 89
VILLAGE CHIMNEY SWEEP - 10400 HWY 89
FREEDOM REFRIDGERATION - 102891 HWY 89
H&K STORAGE - PO BOX 167
BARNYARD ACRES CAMPGROUND - 50 COUNTY RD 111
MONEY MANAGEMENT - PO BOX 289
DEER CREEK ELK RANCH - PO BOX 283
LUTHI CONSTRUCTION - PO BOX 203
PUMPING SOLUTIONS - PO BOX 201
FREEDOMG AUTOMOTIVE - PO BOX 143
NORTH RIDGE HOMES - 15 CEDER CREEK RD
CJS LLC - PO BOX 313
STREET RULES - 3064 COUNTY RD 114
3 FINGERED COWBOY PRODUCTIONS - PO BOX 364
S&K PROPERTIES - PO BOX 282
PARK POINTE HOA - PO BOX 375
DOUBLE L AVIATION - PO BOX 375
K&E FABRICATION - PO BOX 1177 HWY 239
H&K WELDING - PO BOX 167
ETNA IRRIGATION - PO BOX 167
BAKER DITCH - PO BOX 167
NELSON PUMP SERVICES - 580 HWY 239

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C4 OUTFITTERS – 90 RAMBLING HILLS DR
DESIGNS SOLUTIONS – 15 CEDER CREEK RD
FREEDOM STAR CONSTRUCTION – 15 CEDER CREEK RD
NELSON TRUCKING – 626 HWY 239
BLUE J INC – 5384 COUNTY RD 125
BROG FARMS INC – 1644 COUNTY RD 114
BUSY “B” BEAUTY SHOP – 1644 COUNTY RD 114
BF COMPANY – 1644 COUNTY RD 114
TRAFFIC SCHOOL – PO BOX 313
JACKNIFE RANCH – 173 JACKNIFE RD
TIN CUP ENTERPRIZES – PO BOX 110
PRO SYSTEMS – PO BOX 174
TIN CUP FENCING – PO BOX 174
PRESTIGE MEDIA DESIGN - PO BOX 226
HIGH COUNTRY TILE LLC – PO BOX 165
DISCOUNT CRANE SERVICES – 50 JACKNIFE ROAD
TURF POWER PRODUCTS – PO BOX 320
NEW YORK LIFE – 50 JACKNIFE ROAD
TETON TELECOM – PO BOX 226
MILLANIAL GROUP PO BOX 226
GOLD STAR COMMUNICATIONS 104101 HWY 89



A. Office

Name: FREEDOM State: WY Zip Code: 83120
Area: WESTERN District: COLORADO/WYOMING PFC
Congressional District: 1st County: USA
EAS Grade: 11 Finance Number: 573572
Post Office: ☒ Classified Station ☐ Classified Branch ☐ CPO ☐

This form is a place holder for number 19. And the verification of new service type is complete.

Prepared by: Marcela Juarez Rivera
Title: COLORADO/WYOMING PFC Post Office Review Coordinator
Tele No: (303) 853-6070

Date: 05/26/2011
Fax No: (303) 853-6442



05/25/11

OIC/POSTMASTER

SUBJECT: FREEDOM Post Office

Enclosed are questionnaires addressed to customers of the FREEDOM Post Office. I have also enclosed additional copies of the questionnaires for any retail or other customer who wishes to complete one. Please furnish these questionnaires to retail customers upon request. All completed forms should be forwarded to my office by 05/18/2011 for further review.

Marcela Juarez Rivera
Post Office Review Coordinator
Enclosures



03/30/2011

POSTAL CUSTOMER
FREEDOM POST OFFICE
FREEDOM, WY 83120

Dear Postal Service Customer:

As the Postal Service manager responsible for all Post Offices in your area, I would like your opinion concerning a possible change in the way your postal service is provided. The recommended change is tentative and will not lead to a formal proposal unless we conclude that it will provide a maximum degree of regular and effective service.

The Postmaster at the Freedom Post Office was promoted on 06/01/2009. The Office is being studied for possible closing or consolidation for the following reasons: 1. Declining workload 2. Proximity to other offices 3. Alternate service could be provided by other means

Briefly, we would like to provide pickup and delivery of your mail, as well as the sale of stamps and all other customary postal services, by highway contract route service emanating from the Afton Post Office.

We estimate that carrier service would cost the Postal Service substantially less than maintaining the Post Office in your community and still provide regular and effective service. Enclosed is information about some of the services available from the carrier. Retail services are also available at the Afton Post Office, located 20.8 miles away. Hours of service at this office are 08:30 to 17:00, Monday through Friday, and on Saturday. Post Office box service is available at this location at the same fees.

In addition retail services are also available at the Thayne Post Office, located 6.0 miles away. Hours of service at this office are 07:30 to 16:00, Monday through Friday, and 08:45 to 11:45 on Saturday.

I invite you to think about a possible change to highway contract route service. Please return the enclosed questionnaire by 05/18/2011 using the pre-addressed envelope provided or at the community meeting. Please be aware that, if we formalize a proposal, your questionnaire will become part of an official record and will be available for public viewing.

You may, of course, want to discuss this form of service with us before drawing any conclusions. Postal representatives will be at the on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 from to to answer questions and provide information about our service. You may wish to discuss and submit your questionnaire at that time.

If you have any questions, you may call Marcela Juarez Rivera at (303) 853-6070.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

GARY SIMS
Manager, Post Office Operations
7500 E. 53rd Place
Denver, CO, 80266-9998

Enclosures:

Questionnaire and return envelope Summary of Post Office Change Regulations,
Carrier delivery information CBU information sheet (when appropriate)

Postal Service Customer Questionnaire Analysis

Questionnaires were distributed to all delivery customers of the FREEDOM Post Office on 03/30/2011. Additionally, during the survey period, questionnaires were available at the FREEDOM Post Office to walk-in retail customers.

1.	Number of Questionnaires	
	Total Questionnaires distributed	<u>255</u>
	Favorable to proposal	<u>7</u>
	Unfavorable to proposal	<u>66</u>
	Expressing no opinion	<u>8</u>
	Total questionnaires received	<u>81</u>

Community Meeting Roster

Postal Service Representative (Names and Titles):

Gary Sims, Manager Postal Operations

Mike Fitije, Postmaster Rock Springs, WY

Date. 05/18/2011

Time_____

Total Number of Customers Present:

78

Place:

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Names of Customers Present:

[illegible]



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Community Meeting Roster, Freedom, WY Town Meeting

Postal Service Representatives (Names and Titles):

Date: May 18, 2011

Gary Sims, Manager Post Office Operations

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Mike Fittje, Postmaster, Rock Springs, WY

Total Number of Customers Present: _____ Place: Freedom Community Park Shelter

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Names of Customers Present:

Name	Mailing Address (optional)	ZIP Code	Phone Number
Ma Hokanson	P.O. Box 307	83120	307 854-1879
Joe J. Hokanson	P.O. Box 307	83120	307 883-2816
Jennise J. Haderlie	P.O. Box 257	83120	208-873-2353
Rex SPACKMAN	181 JACKNIFE RD	83120	208-873-2614
Bruce Erickson	5270 St Line Rd	83120	307-883-2504
Stacey Johnston	612 State Line Rd/P.O. Box 213	83120	(307) 248-1220
Vandy Johnston	"	"	(307) 248-1219
Rose & Byron Baker	P.O. Box 133	83120	(307) 885-3523
Clyde Stock	P.O. Box 227	83120	307 880-2760
Joe Stock	P.O. Box 227	83120	307-880-2760
Betty Holbrook	PO Box 244	83120	307-883-3668
Bonnie Holbrook	PO Box 244	83120	307-883-2360
Reed Holbrook	PO Box 244	83120	307-883-2360
Karlene Hokanson	P.O. Box 202	83120	208-873-2873
Bret Hokanson	P.O. Box 202	83120	208-873-2873
Say Hokanson	P.O. Box 251	83120	307-413-4663
Darlene Wolfley	P.O. Box 214	83120	208-873-2562
Rex + Marsha Wolfley	128 Jackknife Rd	83120	208-873-2618
Bryan Miller	103379 So. Hwy 89	83120	307-883-2213
Zeloy Izatt	180 Stateline Rd. P.O. Box 213	83120	307-883-2254
Veldon Izatt	180 Stateline Rd. P.O. Box 213	83120	307-883-2254

Postal Service Customer Community Meeting Analysis

(categorize customer concerns as postal or nonpostal and provide the Postal Service response for each.)

Postal Concerns

1. **Concern (UnFavorable):**
Customers asked why their post office was being discontinued while others were retained
Response:
You asked why the suspended post office was being discontinued while others were retained. Post offices are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. When there is a vacancy in a small office, it is customary to conduct a study of the business activity and investigate the feasibility of providing service by alternate means.
2. **Concern (UnFavorable):**
Customer expressed a concern about package delivery and pickup
Response:
You expressed a concern about package delivery and pickup. Rural carriers will deliver packages that fit in your rural mail box, if the package does not fit in the mail box, the carrier will deliver the package up to 1/2 mile off of the line of travel, at a designated place, such as on your porch or under a carport.
3. **Concern (UnFavorable):**
Customers questioned whether the facility was inadequate, they express concern over the parking lot and when it would be replaced or repaired.
Response:
At this time the parking lot is adequate and we do not have plans to replace or repair it. The parking lot is actually in better condition than the street it is located on, a responsibility of the town.
4. **Concern (UnFavorable):**
You were concerned about having to travel to another post office for service
Response:
You expressed a concern about having to travel to another post office for service. Services provided at the post office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another post office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience.
5. **Concern (UnFavorable):**
Customers were concerned about the quality of service, reliability, and integrity of the contractor
Response:
You expressed a concern about the quality of service, reliability, and integrity of the contractor. Award of the contract is based on evaluation of criteria including annual monetary amount, contractor ability and background, and the quality and location of the facility. The successful bidder must be bonded and will be trained, administered, and supervised by the Postal Service to ensure high standards of service.
6. **Concern (UnFavorable):**
Customers were concerned about senior citizens
Response:
You expressed a concern about senior citizens. Carrier service is beneficial to many senior citizens and those who face special challenges because the carrier can provide delivery and retail services to Customers do not have to make a special trip to the post office for service. Special provisions are made for hardship cases or special customer needs. To request an exception for hardship delivery, customers may contact the administrative postmaster for more information.
7. **Concern (UnFavorable):**
Customers expressed concern over a postal representative not being customer oriented
Response:
You expressed concern over a postal representative not being customer oriented. The Postal Service is very interested in the service needs of the community and customer feedback is crucial to improving service. Concerns raised by the community will be investigated by the Postal Service and appropriate actions will be taken.
8. **Concern (UnFavorable):**
Customers said they would miss the special attention and assistance provided by the personnel at the Post Office
Response:
You stated that you would miss the special attention and assistance provided by the personnel at the suspended Post Office. Courteous and helpful service will be provided by personnel at the administrative Post Office and from the carrier. Special assistance will be provided as needed.
9. **Concern (UnFavorable):**
Customers expressed concern that postal employees who worked at the Freedom Post office were rude and did not provide good customer service. they expressed an interest in the USPS offering the current OIC a permanent



05/04/2011

As the Postal Service manager responsible for all Post Offices in your area, I would like your opinion concerning a possible change in the way postal services are provided. Our tentative plans will only lead to a formal proposal if we are satisfied that a maximum degree of regular and effective service can be provided.

The Freedom Post Office became vacant when the Postmaster was promoted on 06/01/2009. Declining work volume, and proximity to another office are also reasons why the Freedom office has been studied for discontinuance.

If you would like an opportunity to discuss alternatives with us, a postal representative will be at Freedom Community Park Shelter, Freedom, WY on 05/18/2011 from 6 PM to 8 PM to answer questions and provide information about our service.

If you have any questions, you may contact Marcela Juarez Rivera at (303) 853-6070.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

GARY SIMS
Manager, Post Office Operations

Was there a Petition Received for the consolidation of FREEDOM?

Yes ▾

If Yes, How many signatures?

99

If Yes, date received?

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Was there a Congressional inquiry received for the consolidation of
FREEDOM?

If Yes, date received?

Yes

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Proposal Checklist

Section I

Responsiveness to Community Postal Needs

<u>✓</u>	Tell what we are doing and why.
<u>✓</u>	Is reason for discontinuance justified and documented in the record?
<u>✓</u>	If suspended, what type of alternate service customers are now receiving?
<u>✓</u>	Reason for vacancy and information on postmaster/OIC
<u>✓</u>	Number of customers and type of service they received and will receive.
<u>✓</u>	Hours of service, daily window transaction average, number of permit mailers, and postage meter users.
<u>✓</u>	Last three fiscal years of revenue and revenue units.
<u>✓</u>	Decline in service workload/reduction in EAS level, if appropriate.
<u>✓</u>	Nearest Post Office, office level, miles away, hours of service, number of Post Office boxes available.
<u>✓</u>	Administrative/emanating office — office level, miles away, hours of service, number of Post Office boxes available.
<u>✓</u>	If the nearby/administrative Post Office has a different Post Office box fee schedule, this is stated in the proposal.
<u>✓</u>	Preproposal activities — questionnaires: number of favorable, unfavorable and no opinion responses must equal the total number of questionnaires returned. List customer concerns and Postal Service responses.
<u>✓</u>	Community meeting. Number of customers who attended, customer concerns, and Postal Service responses.
<u>✓</u>	Information on petitions and congressional inquiries included with Postal Service responses.
<u>✓</u>	Revised proposal states dates and locations the proposal was posted for 60 days. Number of comments received, customer concerns and Postal Service responses.
<u>✓</u>	Advantages and disadvantages of proposed alternate service.
<u>✓</u>	Any other pertinent information concerning Postal Service needs.

Section II

Effect on the Community

<u>✓</u>	Brief background of area, community government, population, etc.
<u>✓</u>	Number of businesses, religious institutions, schools, local government offices, social organizations, etc.
<u>✓</u>	Was Post Office used as meeting place?
<u>✓</u>	Was Post Office a shelter for a bus stop?
<u>✓</u>	Did the Post Office have a public bulletin board?
<u>✓</u>	Were government forms available at the Post Office?
<u>✓</u>	Did the Post Office provide assistance to senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc.?
<u>✓</u>	What is the historical value of the office?
<u>✓</u>	Is an address change necessary?
<u>✓</u>	Will the community identity be preserved?
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<u>✓</u>	Were any other nonpostal items identified?

Section III

Effect on Employees

<u>✓</u>	Paragraph explaining about postmaster vacancy/OIC/other career and noncareer employees of the office. If a postmaster or other employees are reassigned this must be explained and tell whether the reassignments are voluntary.
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Section IV

Economic Savings

✓

A statement of annual savings includes a breakdown as follows:

Postmaster salary (EAS-____, Minimum, no COLA)

\$ 33,168

Fringe benefits 33.5%

\$ 11,111

Rental costs, excluding utilities

\$ 6,260

Total annual costs

\$ 50,539

Less estimated cost of replacement service

- 9,329

Total annual savings

\$ 41,210

A one-time expense of \$ 10,000 will be/was incurred for installation of CBUs and parcel lockers.

✓

Is postmaster salary based on the minimum salary without COLA?

✓

Does postmaster salary reflect the current office evaluation?

Section V

Other Factors

✓

The Postal Service has identified no other factors for consideration (if appropriate).

✓

List other factors as appropriate.

✓

Other factors when replacement service is a CPO.

Section VI

Summary

✓

The proposal must include a brief summary that explains why the closing or consolidation is necessary and an assessment of how those factors supporting the need for change outweigh any negative factors. In taking competing considerations into account, the need to provide a maximum degree of effective and regular service must be paramount.

Section VII

Notices

✓

Appropriate notice is made that this is a proposal and not a final determination. If a final determination is made to discontinue the office, information on the appeal process will be provided at that time.

Checklist Completed By:

Investigative Coordinator

Date

Reviewed and Certified By:

Marcia J. R...

5-26-11

District PO Review Coordinator

Date



05/26/2011

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND PUBLIC POLICY
475 L'ENFANT PLAZA SW RM 10804
WASHINGTON DC 20260-3500

SUBJECT: Posting of the Proposal to Close
the FREEDOM Post Office
Docket No. 1364103

This is to advise you that on 06/06/2011, I will post for public comment a proposal to close the FREEDOM Post Office in LINCOLN, Congressional District No. 1st.

If you have any questions, please call MARCELA JUAREZ RIVERA District Review Coordinator at (303) 853-6070.

SELWYN EPPERSON
District Manager
COLORADO/WYOMING PFC District

cc: Manager, Customer Service Operations
Area Manager, Public Affairs and Communications

Enclosures: PS Form 4920
Proposal



06/03/2011

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE/POSTMASTER

SUBJECT: Letter of Instructions Regarding Posting of
FREEDOM Proposal
Docket No. 1364103 - 83120

Please post the enclosed proposal to close the FREEDOM Post Office in the lobby. The proposal must be posted in a prominent place from 06/06/2011 through close of business on 08/07/2011. The posting must last at least 60 days and the first day does not count.

Round-date stamp the cover of the proposal on the date of posting and on the date of removal. Also, post the "Invitation for Comments" next to the proposal and round-date stamp it in the same manner.

Additional copies of the proposal and comment forms are enclosed. Provide them to customers upon request.

Also enclosed is the official record on which this proposal is based. Customers may read it; however, they may not remove it from your office. When a customer requests a copy of the record, provide it upon payment of any fees prescribed in AS-353 Guide to Privacy and the Freedom of Information Act. If you do not have photocopy equipment, take the customer's name, address, and telephone number and contact the district for a copy of the record.

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MARCELA JUAREZ RIVERA
Post Office Review Coordinator
COLORADO/WYOMING PFC District

Enclosures: PS Form 4920
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Date of Posting: 06/06/2011

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UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

INVITATION FOR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSAL TO CLOSE THE FREEDOM, WY POST OFFICE AND ESTABLISH SERVICE BY HIGHWAY CONTRACT ROUTE SERVICE

To the customers of the **Freedom Post Office**:

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MARCELA JUAREZ RIVERA
7500 E. 53RD PLACE
DENVER, CO 80266-9998

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Thank you for your assistance.

GARY SIMS
7500 E. 53RD PLACE
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DOCKET NUMBER 1364103 - 83120

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4. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern over the dependability of Rural Route/HCR service and convenience of retail services.

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Response: The customer expressed a concern about obtaining accountable mail and large parcels. If you live less than one-half mile from the line of travel, the carrier will attempt delivery of accountable items and large parcels to the customer's residence. If the live over one-half mile away or is not home when delivery is attempted, a notice will be left in the mailbox. Large parcels will be left outside the mailbox or at a designated location or a notice will be left in the mailbox. Attempted delivery items will be taken back to the administrative Post Office. Customers may pick up the item at the post office, request redelivery on another day or authorize delivery to another party.

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Response: The customer expressed a concern about the mailboxes being damaged by snowplows. Please contact the administrative postmaster to determine the proper mailbox location and installation method that would help alleviate this concern. Placing the mailbox on a long, swinging, horizontal pipe is one method often used to avoid damage by snowplows.

7. **Concern:** No Concern.

Response: We appreciate you taking the time to complete the Customer Questionnaire. Your responses will be considered when recommendations for changes in service are determined.

8. **Concern:** Customer expressed a concern about package delivery and pickup

Response: The customer expressed a concern about package delivery and pickup. Rural carriers will deliver packages that fit in your rural mail box, if the package does not fit in the mail box, the carrier will deliver the package up to ½ mile off of the line of travel, at a designated place, such as on your porch or under a carport.

9. **Concern:** Customers asked why their post office was being discontinued while others were retained

Response: The customer asked why the suspended post office was being discontinued while others were retained. Post offices are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. When there is a vacancy in a small office, it is customary to conduct a study of the business activity and investigate the feasibility of providing service by alternate means.

10. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern over a postal representative not being customer oriented

Response: The customer expressed concern over a postal representative not being customer oriented. The Postal Service is very interested in the service needs of the community and customer feedback is crucial to improving service. Concerns raised by the community will be investigated by the Postal Service and appropriate actions will be taken.

11. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern that postal employees who worked at the Freedom Post office were rude and did not provide good customer service, they expressed and interest in the USPS offering the current OIC a permanent Postmaster position in Freedom

Response: Employee courtesy is always a concern of postal managers. Postal employees receive periodic instructions regarding employee courtesy. We do not condone our employees' execution of their duties in an unprofessional or discourteous manner. This concern will be conveyed to the postmaster by the manager, post office operations. Unfortunately at this time we are not able to offer permanent postmaster positions.

12. **Concern:** Customers questioned whether the facility was inadequate, they express concern over the parking lot and when it would be replaced or repaired.

Response: At this time the parking lot is adequate and we do not have plans to replace or repair it. The parking lot is actually in better condition than the street it is located on, a responsibility of the town.

13. **Concern:** Customers said they would miss the special attention and assistance provided by the personnel at the Post Office

Response: The customer stated that you would miss the special attention and assistance provided by the personnel at the suspended Post Office. Courteous and helpful service will be provided by personnel at the administrative Post Office and from the carrier. Special assistance will be provided as needed

14. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about senior citizens

Response: The customer expressed a concern about senior citizens. Carrier service is beneficial to many senior citizens and those who face special challenges because the carrier can provide delivery and retail services to Customers do not have to make a special trip to the post office for service. Special provisions are made for hardship cases or special customer needs. To request an exception for hardship delivery, customers may contact the administrative postmaster for more information.

15. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about the quality of service, reliability, and integrity of the contractor

Response: The customer expressed a concern about about the quality of service, reliability, and integrity of the contractor. Award of the contract is based on evaluation of criteria including annual monetary amount, contractor ability and background, and the quality and location of the facility. The successful bidder must be bonded and will be trained, administered, and supervised by the Postal Service to ensure high standards of service.

16. **Concern:** You were concerned about having to travel to another post office for service

Response: The customer expressed a concern about having to travel to another post office for service. Services provided at the post office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another post office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience.

Some advantages of the proposal are:

1. The rural or contract delivery carrier may provide retail services, alleviating the need to go to the post office. Stamps by Mail order forms are provided for customer convenience.
2. Customers opting for carrier service will have 24-hour access to their mail.
3. Savings for the Postal Service contribute in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
4. CBUs can offer the security of individually locked mail compartments. Parcel lockers provide convenient parcel delivery for customers.
5. Customers opting for carrier service will not have to pay post office box fees.
6. Saves time and energy for customers who drive to the post office to pick up mail.

Some disadvantages of the proposal are:

1. The loss of a retail outlet and a postmaster position in the community. Retail services may be provided by the rural or contract delivery carrier.
2. Meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier at the box to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions.
3. A change in the mailing address. The community name will continue to be used in the new address. A carrier route address will be assigned.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services to the community.

II. EFFECT ON COMMUNITY

Freedom is an unincorporated community located in LINCOLN County. The community is administered politically by Lincoln County Wyoming and Caribou County Idaho. Police protection is provided by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Dept. Fire protection is provided by the Thayne Fire Dept. The community is comprised of There is a mix of all economic classes from wealthy summer home owners to retiree's and commuters working within Star Valley and Jackson. Many are self-employed (see attached listing), and many farmers and ranchers in the area., and those who commute to work at nearby communities and work in local businesses.

Businesses and organizations include: Freedom LDS Church. See attached list . Residents may travel to nearby communities for other supplies and services.

Nonpostal services provided at the Freedom Post Office will be available at the Afton Post Office. Government forms normally provided by the Post Office will also be available at the Afton Post Office or by contacting your local government agency.

The following nonpostal concerns were expressed from questionnaires, the community meeting, on the petition, and on the congressional inquiry:

1. **Concern:** Customer expressed a concern about nonpostal services.

Response: The customer expressed a concern about nonpostal services. Nonpostal services provided at Freedom Post Office will be available at the Thayne Post Office located 6 miles away. Government forms normally provided by the post office will also be available at any Post Office or by contacting your local government agency.
2. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern for loss of community identity

Response: The customer expressed a concern about the loss of the Communities' identity. A community's identity derives from the interest and vitality of its residents and their use of its name. The Postal Service is helping to preserve community identity by continuing the use of the suspended Post Office name and ZIP Code in addresses and in the National Five-Digit ZIP Code and Post Office Directory.
3. **Concern:** Customers felt the loss of a post office would have a detrimental effect on the business community

Response: The customer expressed a concern about the detrimental effect the loss of the post office would have on the community. Businesses generally require regular and effective postal services, and these will always be provided to the suspended Post Office community. There is no indication that the business community will be adversely affected. Questionnaire responses revealed that customers will continue to use local businesses if the post office is discontinued.
4. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about senior citizens.

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about senior citizens. Carrier service is beneficial to many senior citizens and those who face special challenges because the carrier can provide delivery and retail services to roadside mailboxes or CBUs. Customers do not have to make a special trip to the post office for service. Special provisions are made for hardship cases or special customer needs. To request an exception for hardship delivery, customers may contact the administrative postmaster for more information.

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Customers were concerned about the mailboxes being damaged by snowplows

Response:

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6. **Concern:**

No Concern.

Response:

We appreciate you taking the time to complete the Customer Questionnaire. Your responses will be considered when recommendations for changes in service are determined.

7. **Concern:**

You expressed a concern about the loss of a public bulletin board.

Response:

The Postal Service is not required to maintain a public bulletin board. A public bulletin board can be made available at another local establishment.

Based on the information obtained in the course of this discontinuance study, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will not adversely affect the community.

III. EFFECT ON EMPLOYEES

The postmaster position became vacant when the postmaster was promoted on June 01, 2009. The noncareer postmaster relief (PMR) may be separated from the Postal Service. No other Postal Service employee will be adversely affected. Since the postmaster vacancy an OIC has been installed to operate the office.

IV. ECONOMIC SAVINGS

The Postal Service estimates an annual savings of \$ 41,210 with a breakdown as follows.

Postmaster Salary (EAS-11, No COLA)	\$ 33,168
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Total Annual Costs	\$ 50,539
Less Annual Cost of Replacement Service	<u>- \$ 9,329</u>
Total Annual Savings	<u>\$ 41,210</u>

A one-time expense of \$ 10000 will be incurred for the movement of this facility.

V. OTHER FACTORS

There are no suitable locations for a VPO.

VI. SUMMARY

The Postal Service is proposing to close the Freedom, WY Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by highway contract route service under the administrative responsibility of the Afton Post Office, located 21 miles away. Service may be provided to cluster box units (CBUs).

The postmaster was promoted on June 01, 2009. If the office has a noncareer PMR(s), they may be separated from the Postal Service, however, attempts will be made to reassign the employee(s) to a nearby facility. No other employee(s) will be adversely affected. Post office workload has declined. Effective and regular service will continue to be provided by highway contract route service.

The Freedom Post Office provided delivery and retail service to 172 PO Box or general delivery customers and 75 delivery route customers. The daily retail window transactions averaged 14. There are four permit mailers or postage meter customers.

There will no longer be a retail outlet in the community. However, delivery and retail services may be available from a rural or contract delivery carrier, which could alleviate the need to travel to a post office for service. The Postal Service will save an estimated \$41,210 annually. A disadvantage to some may be in meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions with a rural or contract delivery carrier.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service has determined that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages and this proposal is warranted.

VII. NOTICES

- A. Support Materials. Copies of all materials upon which this proposal is based are available for public inspection at the Freedom Post Office, Thayne Post Office and Afton Post Office during normal office hours.
- B. This is a proposal. It is not a final determination to close this post office. If a final determination is made to close this post office, after public comments on this proposal are received and taken into account, a notice of that final determination will be posted in this office.

The final determination will contain instructions on how affected customers may appeal that decision to the Postal Regulatory Commission. Any such appeal must be received by the commission within 30 days of the posting of the final determination.

GARY SIMS
Manager, Post Office Operations

06/06/2011
Date

Optional Comment Form

Following are comments I wish to make concerning the proposed discontinuance of the FREEDOM Post Office.

1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.
2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.
3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

Name of Postal Customer

Signature of Postal Customer

Mailing Address

City, State, and ZIP Code

Date _____



05/26/2011

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE/POSTMASTER

SUBJECT: Instructions for Posting the "Notice of Taking Proposal and Comments Under Internal Consideration"

At the close of business on 08/07/2011 take down the "Proposal" and the "Invitation for Comments" from the lobby. Round-date stamp them upon removal and verify that the mandatory 60-day posting period was observed. The proposal and invitation for comments must be posted for at least 60 days, and the first day does not count.

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Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

MARCELA JUAREZ RIVERA
Post Office Review Coordinator
7500 E. 53RD PLACE
DENVER, CO 80266-9998



A. Office

Name:	<u>FREEDOM</u>	State:	<u>WY</u>	Zip Code:	<u>83120</u>
Area:	<u>WESTERN</u>	District:	<u>COLORADO/WYOMING PFC</u>		
Congressional District:	<u>1st</u>	County:	<u>LINCOLN</u>		
EAS Grade:	<u>11</u>	Finance Number	<u>573572</u>		
Post Office:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Classified Station	<input type="checkbox"/>	Classified Branch	<input type="checkbox"/>
				CPO	<input type="checkbox"/>

This form is a place holder for number 36. The round dated copies of the proposal have been received.

Prepared by: Marcela Juarez Rivera
Title: COLORADO/WYOMING PFC Post Office Review Coordinator
Tele No: (303) 853-6070

Date: 08/11/2011
Fax No: (303) 853-6442

**NOTICE OF TAKING PROPOSAL AND COMMENTS
UNDER INTERNAL CONSIDERATION**

Date 08/11/2011

Postal Customers of the Freedom Post Office: The Postal Service appreciates receiving the views of those of you who submitted comments on the proposal to close the Freedom Post Office, which was posted 06/06/2011 through 08/07/2011. These comments will be considered carefully as the matter is reviewed further in my office and at higher levels within the Postal Service.

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08/11/2011

MEMO TO THE RECORD

SUBJECT: FREEDOM

Docket Number 1364103 - 83120

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MARCELA JUAREZ RIVERA
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A. Office

Name: FREEDOM State: WY Zip Code: 83120
Area: WESTERN District: COLORADO/WYOMING PFC
Congressional District: 1st County: LINCOLN
EAS Grade: 11 Finance Number: 573572
Post Office: ☒ Classified Station ☐ Classified Branch ☐ CPO ☐

This form is a place holder for number 39. There was not a premature appeal received.

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Tele No: (303) 853-6070

Date: 08/11/2011
Fax No: (303) 853-6442

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Printed Name and Title LANA COZAD		Signature LANA COZAD		Telephone No. AC () (303) 853-0070																								
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08/12/2011

MEMO TO THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Certification of the Record
FREEDOM
Docket Number 1364103 - 83120

This certifies that all comments and documents enclosed in the attached record are originals, or true and correct copies of the originals.

SELWYN EPPERSON
District Manager

LOG OF POST OFFICE DISCONTINUANCE ACTIONS

Office Name, State, ZIP Code:	FREEDOM, WY, 83120-9901
EAS Level:	11
District:	COLORADO/WYOMING PFC
County:	LINCOLN
Congressional District:	1st
Proposal:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Close <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidate
Reason For Proposed:	was promoted
Alternate Service Proposed:	Highway Contract Route Service
Customers Affected:	
Post Office Box:	168
General Delivery:	4
Rural Route:	0
Highway Contract Route (HCR):	75
City Route:	0
Intermediate Rural:	0
Intermediate HCR:	0
Total number of customers:	247

Date	Action
	Office suspended. Reason suspended:
	Suspension notice sent to Headquarters.
06/01/2009	Postmaster vacancy occurred. Reason: was promoted
	OIC: Career: 0 Noncareer: 1 Other Employees: 0
12/27/2010	District manager authorization to study.
	Questionnaires sent to customers. Number sent: 255 Number Returned: 81
03/30/2011	Analysis: Favorable 7 Unfavorable 66 No Opinion 8
06/19/2011	Petition received. Number of signatures: 99
	Concerns expressed:
05/27/2011	Congressional inquiry received: Yes
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	The first of five separate congressional inquiries was received on May 27, 2011. The last inquiry received to date was received on July 26, 2011.
08/11/2011	Proposal and checklist sent to district for review.
05/26/2011	Government Relations and Retail Operations notified by district 10 days before the 60-day posting (PS Form 4920 attached).
08/11/2011	Proposal and invitation for comments posted and round-dated.
08/11/2011	Proposal and invitation for comments removed and round-dated.
	Comment Analysis:
	Favorable 0 Unfavorable 42 No Opinion 0 42
None	Premature PRC appeal received.
	Concerns expressed:
05/25/2011	Updated PS Form 4920 completed (if necessary).
08/12/2011	Certification of the official record
	District transmittal of official record to vice president, Delivery and Retail, and copy of transmittal letter to vice president, Area Operations.
	Headquarters logged in official record (option entry).
	Record returned to district for additional consideration.
	Record returned as not warranted.
	Final determination posted at affected office(s) and round-dated.
	Final determination removed and round-dated.
	Postal Bulletin Post Office Change Announcement form sent to Headquarters.
	No appeals letter received from Headquarters.
	Appeal to PRC received.
	PRC opinion received on appeal:
	Affirmed: Remanded: USPS Withdrawn:
	Address management systems notified to updated AMS report.
	Discontinuance announced in Postal Bulletin No.: Effective date:

Review Coordinator/person most familiar with the case:

MARCELA JUAREZ RIVERA
Name/Title

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District Post Office Review Coordinator

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June 20, 2011

Marcela Juarez Rivera
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Dear Marcela:

Enclosed is a copy of the correspondence I received from my constituent, Rebecca May. I believe you will find this information self-explanatory.

I would respectfully request your thorough review of the situation outlined by my constituent and provide me with as many details possible and your plan for the US Post Office at Freedom so that I may adequately respond to her. It would be most helpful to know what options are available to Ms. May and if necessary, the proper procedures she must follow.

Your reply may be sent to me at my Star Valley Office at P.O. Box 1569, Thayne, WY 83127. My staff, Pat Aullman, may be reached at 307-883-1088 with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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May 27, 2011

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Dear Marcela:

Enclosed is a copy of the correspondence I received from my constituent, Judi Robinson. I believe you will find this information self-explanatory.

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Aullman, Pat

From: Administrator [judir@silverstar.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2011 4:42 PM
To: Aullman, Pat
Subject: Re: FREEDOM POST OFFICE

MY MAILING ADDRESS IS JUDI ROBINSON

177 JACKNIFE RD.
FREEDOM, WY 83120

On May 19, 2011, at 9:28 AM, Aullman, Pat wrote:

> Thanks Judy will you add your mailing address please.
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> Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2011 9:16 AM
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Terri Armstrong
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Dear Terri:

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On May 27, 2011, at 11:53 AM, Aullman, Pat wrote:

> Please disregard the last message, I was on the wrong email... Pat :)

>

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> Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2011 4:42 PM

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Sincerely,

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Aullman, Pat

From: . Kate Rainey [katie2r@silverstar.com]
Sent: Sunday, May 29, 2011 6:52 AM
To: Aullman, Pat
Subject: RE:

Mailing address: 30 Toms Road Freedom, WY 83120

--- Pat.Aullman@mail.house.gov wrote:

From: "Aullman, Pat" <Pat.Aullman@mail.house.gov>
To: "' Kate Rainey'" <katie2r@silverstar.com>
Subject: RE:
Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 13:54:29 -0400

Kate would you please send us your mailing address. Pat

From: . Kate Rainey [<mailto:katie2r@silverstar.com>]
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2011 3:00 PM
To: Aullman, Pat
Subject:

I WOULD LIKE TO VOTE ON YES ON KEEPING THE FREEDOM POST OFFICE OPEN. IT IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THIS SMALL COMMUNITY WHICH HOUSES THREE COUNTIES AND TWO STATES. WE ARE QUITE FAR FROM ANY OTHER POST OFFICE AND WITH THE INCONVENIENCE OF LIVING OUT IN THE COUNTRY, A POST OFFICE KEEPS THE COMMUNITY IN TACK. IT IS USED OFTEN AND DAILY AND IS MY LIFE LINE TO RECEIVING AND SENDING MAIL. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS A YES VOTE TO KEEP THE FREEDOM POST OFFICE OPEN FOR PUBLIC USE. THANK YOU

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June 27, 2011

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Dear Terri:

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Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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July 5, 2011

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Postmasters President: Closing Small Offices Is A Measure To Make Senior USPS Managers Look Good

May 17, 2011 by Lu

Filed under: [NLPM](#), [post office closings](#), [postal](#), [postal news](#), [usps](#)

May 17, 2011 – LEAGUE President Mark Strong testified before the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services and International Security. Mark joined the Postmaster Pat Donahoe and five other panelists to give testimony on the financial condition of the post office as well as addressing Senator Carper's bill as well as the Collins bill.

Included in Mark's comments was testimony on the overfunding of the pension funds as well as the prefunding of the retiree health benefits being at the source of the Postal Services financial condition. During his oral testimony Mark told the Senate Committee that "no business of any type, in any part of the country, could afford to pay a 5 Billion dollar supplemental annual income tax that its competitors do not pay, and remain viable".

Marks remarks also covered the issue of closing of small post offices. Small office closings are one of those cost savings measures that are popular to some mid-level postal officials because they can look good with the impression that they are driving large cost out of the system. He further mentioned that Post Offices and Postmasters.....are the glue the binds rural America together. Something some urbanites have a hard time understanding but it is the truth, not rhetoric and not exaggerated.

Jack Jameson
Executive Vice President

Closing of Small Post Offices

There appears to be renewed interest in some sectors in closing small rural post offices, an interest that is too often simplistically tied to the notion of closing excess facilities to drive excess capacity out of the system. This interest has arisen despite the fact that small rural post offices are the keystone of many rural communities, and the fact that closing post offices saves the Postal Service very little money. According to PRC data the total net cost of the 10,000 smallest Post Offices—more than one-third of all Post Offices in the United States—is less than seven tenths of one percent (0.7%) of the total cost of the United States Postal Service. The League just recently re-verified that data with the Commission's staff.

Thus, closing post offices is not a cost savings measure of any serious import, no matter how anyone spins it. It is one of those —cost saving! measures that is popular with senior postal managers who wish to —look good! and give the impression that they are driving costs out of the system, without really doing so. In order to drive costs out of the system, one needs to focus on

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increasing efficiency in the administration of the system (less reports, more hands-on work) and on driving out any excess capacity in the processing and transportation network. The breadth and scope of the delivery network turns more on the number of delivery points in an area, rather than on the number of pieces delivered. The number of pieces delivered goes to the number of routes that exist, and our members have worked with their carriers in very productive ways throughout the recession, in order to consolidate and increase productivity in that area.

Closing post offices, like the closing of Borders Bookstores or Blockbuster outlets, can seem like a fast way to cut costs, but it carries significant hidden costs. First, unlike other stores, post offices are not just retail outlets; they are part of a nationwide receipt and delivery network. This receipt and delivery network depends upon the existence of these rural offices, and without them there will be gaps in coverage of delivery and postal services.

Small post offices should not be closed, and indeed cannot be closed without doing serious damage to rural America and the image of the federal government in those areas.

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Frances Shinkle

Anita Sime

Salma Wolfley

Bertley Coy

Terr Conger

John Ferns

Lillian Clark

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Janette Miller

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Rex Baker

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Martin & Gloria Byers

Farrell Jenkins

Paul & Helen

Helen & Keith Huggins

Joe Harris

Margaret James

Ann & Luther

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Log W. Roberts

Sandra Niel

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David Shunkle

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Virginia Shumway

Edith (EO HARRIS)

Daniel Rufford

Dee Ray

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Erin

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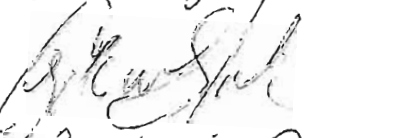
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The following would request that the post office remain open::


Gary May

Richard Rose

Silver Star #5000.⁰⁰
Freedom Arms

Finance re 5735
573575
Level 11

Freedom. Call boxes tested 168 220 52 boxes
Star Route Boxes 75
General Delivery 4
247

Wayne. P.O. Boxes 156
Highway Route 71
227

Winter Weather

Additional Route Driver

Against federal law to close post Office to save
Money -

Money left in box - Not secure

Freedom 3rd largest

Postage fully prepaid on package ???

Lateral move of Postmaster

Units not safe in boxes

Level 11 changed to 13

LDS CHURCH - PO BOX 108
FIBER FUSION - PO BOX 153
SILVERSTAR COMMUNICATIONS - PO BOX 226
ROCKY MOUNTAIN HEATING - PO BOX 228
WYOMING CAB & DELIVERY - PO BOX 242
FREEDOM WATER & SEWER - PO BOX 245
CENTER FOR HEALTHY LIVING - PO BOX 256
DRILL TECH, INC - PO BOX 272
BUTLER LLC - PO BOX 291
AMERICAN RESISTANCE - PO BOX 321
MOUNTAIN MOBILE LOCKSMITH - PO BOX 391
STAR VALLEY ELECTRIC - PO BOX 282
ECHO SERVICES - PO BOX 277
JENKINS HUNTING CAMP - PO BOX 172
TIN CUP SPORTS - PO BOX 110
AAA PLUMBING - PO BOX 161
APOCALYPTIC ENTERPRISE - PO BOX ES 275
TETON PLUMBING - PO BOX 306
YELLOW STONE LANDSCAPING - 1161 PRATER CANYON RD
ROBINSONS ACCOUNTING - PO BOX 335
TOOTIES - 5476 COUNTY RD 125
JR PAINT - 5476 COUNTY RD 125
NELSON'S DRILLING - 580 HWY 239
CROOK FARMS - 103078 HWY 89
FREEDOM LUMBER - 103454 HWY 89
VILLAGE CHIMNEY SWEEP - 10400 HWY 89
FREEDOM REFRIGERATION - 102891 HWY 89
H&K STORAGE - PO BOX 167
BARNYARD ACRES CAMPGROUND - 50 COUNTY RD 111
MONEY MANAGEMENT - PO BOX 289
DEER CREEK ELK RANCH - PO BOX 283
LUTHI CONSTRUCTION - PO BOX 203
PUMPING SOLUTIONS - PO BOX 201
FREEDOMG AUTOMOTIVE - PO BOX 143
NORTH RIDGE HOMES - 15 CEDER CREEK RD
CJS LLC - PO BOX 313
STREET RULES - 3064 COUNTY RD 114
3 FINGERED COWBOY PRODUCTIONS - PO BOX 364
S&K PROPERTIES - PO BOX 282
PARK POINTE HOA - PO BOX 375
DOUBLE L AVIATION - PO BOX 375
K&E FABRICATION - PO BOX 1177 HWY 239
H&K WELDING - PO BOX 167
ETNA IRRIGATION - PO BOX 167
BAKER DITCH - PO BOX 167
NELSON PUMP SERVICES - 580 HWY 239

CLOUTFITTERS – 90 RAMBLING HILLS DR
DESIGNS SOLUTIONS – 15 CEDER CREEK RD
FREEDOM STAR CONSTRUCTION – 15 CEDER CREEK RD
NELSON TRUCKING – 626 HWY 239
BLUE J INC – 5384 COUNTY RD 125
BROG FARMS INC – 1644 COUNTY RD 114
BUSY “B” BEAUTY SHOP – 1644 COUNTY RD 114
BEE COMPANY – 1644 COUNTY RD 114
TRAFFIC SCHOOL – PO BOX 313
JACKKNIFE RANCH – 173 JACKKNIFE RD
TINCUP ENTERPRIZES – PO BOX 110
TINCUP SYSTEMS - PO BOX 174
TINCUP FENCING – PO BOX 174
PRESTIGE MEDIA DESIGN - PO BOX 226
PINEHILL COUNTRY TILE LLC – PO BOX 165
PINECOUNTRY CRANE SERVICES – 50 JACKKNIFE ROAD
PINEPOWER PRODUCTS – PO BOX 320
PINEW YORK LIFE – 50 JACKKNIFE ROAD
PINEYON TELECOM – PO BOX 226
PINEYONIAL GROUP PO BOX 226
PINEYON STAR COMMUNICATIONS 104101 HWY 89

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Constituent ID: 946571

Frances Cook

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Email: fcc@silverstar.com

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I AM REQUESTING YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THE RETENTION OF THE FREEDOM, WYOMING POST OFFICE. WE DO NOT CONSIDER CARRIER DELIVERY OF MAIL AN ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE DUE TO THE EXTREME CONDITIONS OF AREA ROADS DURING WINTER. IN ADDITION, THE POST OFFICE BULLETIN BOARDS

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6-6-2011

Rep. Lummis
113 Cannon Office Bldg
Wash., D.C. 20510

Re: Proposed Post Office Closure Freedom, WY


Dear Ms. Lummis:

No doubt the government will save some small amount by **closing rural post offices**, however, this does not take into account the increased travel **cost** for the **patrons**, the **loss** of productive effort associated with the increased travel times, **and** the lack of about any other useful service the federal government renders to us Janey lunch buckets of the country.

There are plenty of savings to be had with federal operations. A 10% reduction in compensation for all federal employees, or at the least a compensation freeze. We have National Park Service Rangers with a larger compensation packages than the Governor of Wyoming for goodness sakes! Compared to what private sector employees make in Star Valley, government employees are plutocrats.

Your help in keeping our little post office open is appreciated.

All the best,



Rebecca May
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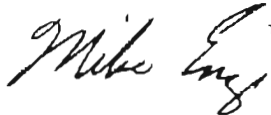
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Bebout, Reagen (Enzi)

From: Aullman, Pat [Pat.Aullman@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 30, 2011 7:20 PM
To: Bebout, Reagen (Enzi); Da Rif, Sandy (Barrasso)
Subject: FW: RE:

From: . Kate Rainey [mailto:katie2r@silverstar.com]
Sent: Sunday, May 29, 2011 6:52 AM
To: Aullman, Pat
Subject: RE:

Mailing address: 30 Toms Road Freedom, WY 83120

— Pat.Aullman@mail.house.gov wrote:

From: "Aullman, Pat" <Pat.Aullman@mail.house.gov>
To: "' . Kate Rainey'" <katie2r@silverstar.com>
Subject: RE:
Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 13:54:29 -0400

Kate would you please send us your mailing address. Pat

From: . Kate Rainey [mailto:katie2r@silverstar.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2011 3:00 PM
To: Aullman, Pat
Subject:

I WOULD LIKE TO VOTE ON YES ON KEEPING THE FREEDOM POST OFFICE OPEN. IT IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THIS SMALL COMMUNITY WHICH HOUSES THREE COUNTIES AND TWO STATES. WE ARE QUITE FAR FROM ANY OTHER POST OFFICE AND WITH THE INCONVENIENCE OF LIVING OUT IN THE COUNTRY, A POST OFFICE KEEPS THE COMMUNITY IN TACK. IT IS USED OFTEN AND DAILY AND IS MY LIFE LINE TO RECEIVING AND SENDING MAIL. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS A YES VOTE TO KEEP THE FREEOM POST OFFICE OPEN FOR PUBLIC USE. THANK YOU

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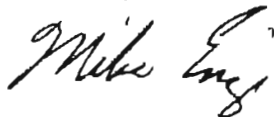
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Dear Terri:

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To: Bebout, Reagen (Enzi); Da Rif, Sandy (Barrasso)
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Here is her address

-----Original Message-----

From: Administrator [mailto:judir@silverstar.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2011 4:42 PM
To: Aullman, Pat
Subject: Re: FREEDOM POST OFFICE

MY MAILING ADDRESS IS JUDI ROBINSON
177 JACKKNIFE RD.
FREEDOM, WY 83120

On May 19, 2011, at 9:28 AM, Aullman, Pat wrote:

> Thanks Judy will you add your mailing address please.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Administrator [mailto:judir@silverstar.com]
> Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2011 9:16 AM
> To: Aullman, Pat
> Subject: FREEDOM POST OFFICE

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August 29, 2011

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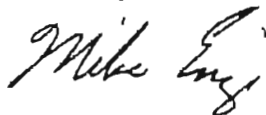
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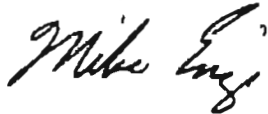
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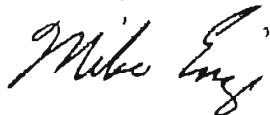
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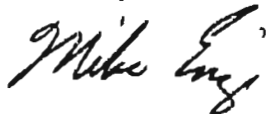
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From: Aullman, Pat [Pat.Aullman@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 30, 2011 7:20 PM
To: Bebout, Reagen (Enzi); Da Rif, Sandy (Barrasso)
Subject: FW: RE:

From: . Kate Rainey [mailto:katie2r@silverstar.com]
Sent: Sunday, May 29, 2011 6:52 AM
To: Aullman, Pat
Subject: RE:

Mailing address: 30 Toms Road Freedom, WY 83120

— Pat.Aullman@mail.house.gov wrote:

From: "Aullman, Pat" <Pat.Aullman@mail.house.gov>
To: ". Kate Rainey" <katie2r@silverstar.com>
Subject: RE:
Date: Fri, 27 May 2011 13:54:29 -0400

Kate would you please send us your mailing address. Pat

From: . Kate Rainey [mailto:katie2r@silverstar.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2011 3:00 PM
To: Aullman, Pat
Subject:

I WOULD LIKE TO VOTE ON YES ON KEEPING THE FREEDOM POST OFFICE OPEN. IT IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THIS SMALL COMMUNITY WHICH HOUSES THREE COUNTIES AND TWO STATES. WE ARE QUITE FAR FROM ANY OTHER POST OFFICE AND WITH THE INCONVENIENCE OF LIVING OUT IN THE COUNTRY, A POST OFFICE KEEPS THE COMMUNITY IN TACK. IT IS USED OFTEN AND DAILY AND IS MY LIFE LINE TO RECEIVING AND SENDING MAIL. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS A YES VOTE TO KEEP THE FREEOM POST OFFICE OPEN FOR PUBLIC USE. THANK YOU

Bebout, Reagen (Enzi)

From: Aullman, Pat [Pat.Aullman@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2011 3:50 PM
To: Bebout, Reagen (Enzi); Da Rif, Sandy (Barrasso)
Subject: FW: FREEDOM POST OFFICE

Here is her address

-----Original Message-----

From: Administrator [mailto:judir@silverstar.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2011 4:42 PM
To: Aullman, Pat
Subject: Re: FREEDOM POST OFFICE

MY MAILING ADDRESS IS JUDI ROBINSON
177 JACKNIFE RD.
FREEDOM, WY 83120

On May 19, 2011, at 9:28 AM, Aullman, Pat wrote:

> Thanks Judy will you add your mailing address please.
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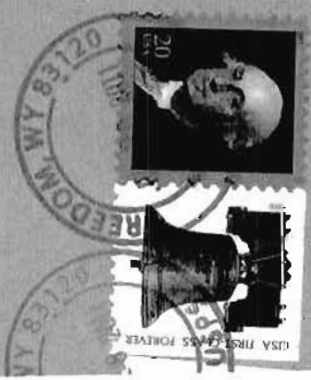
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Colorado/Wyoming PFC District

6/19/11

To whom it may concern:

I feel that closing the Freedom Post Office in Freedom, Wyoming would be a mistake. Closing rural post offices may seem like a fast way to cut costs, but it will carry significant hidden costs. First, post offices are part of a nationwide receipt and delivery network. This receipt and delivery network depends upon the existence of these rural offices, and without them there will be gaps in coverage of delivery and postal services.

"Closing post offices is not a cost savings measure of any serious import, no matter how anyone spins it. It is one of those--cost saving measures that is popular with senior postal managers who wish to--look good and give the impression that they are driving costs out of the system, without really doing so. In order to drive costs out of the system, one needs to focus on increasing efficiency in the administration of the system (less reports, more hands-on work) and on driving out any excess capacity in the processing and transportation network. The breadth and scope of the delivery network turns more on the number of delivery points in an area, rather than on the number of pieces delivered. The number of pieces delivered goes to the number of routes that exist, and our members have worked with their carriers in very productive ways throughout the recession, in order to consolidate and increase productivity."

(From May 17, 2011 Filed under: NLPM, post office closings, postal, postal news, usps)

Small rural post offices are the keystone of many rural communities, and the fact is that closing post offices saves the Postal Service very little money. According to PRC data the total net cost of the 10,000 smallest Post Offices--more than 1/3 of all Post Offices in the United States--is less than seven tenths of one percent (0.7%) of the total cost of the United States Postal Service. If you want to cut costs, close the post office on Saturdays.

The Freedom Post Office services two states and three counties. It has 168 box rentals and 75 on route. There are 68 businesses in Freedom. There are many elderly people in this community that depend on the postmaster to assist them in receiving their drive up mail. Freedom winters are harsh (up to 4 ft. of snow). It will cause a hardship to all who have to keep snow removed from their postal box.

Freedom residents would be forced to use other delivery services such as Fed Ex and UPS, when otherwise they would have used the US Postal Service, causing the US Postal Service to lose even more money.

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Please consider these things and keep the Freedom Post Office open!!

Sincerely,



Gary Hokanson

PO Box 251

Freedom, WY 83120



Bret Hokanson

PO Box 202

Freedom, WY 83120



Karlene Hokanson

PO Box 202

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Freedom, Wyo. Businesses

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 AAA PLUMBING - PO BOX 161
 APOCALYPTIC ENTERPRIS - PO BOX ES 275
 TETON PLUMBING - PO BOX 306
 YELLOW STONE LANDSCAPING - 1161 PRATER CANYON RD
 ROBINSONS ACCOUNTING - PO BOX 335
 TOOTIES - 5476 COUNTY RD 125
 JR PAINT - 5476 COUNTY RD 125
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The following would request that the post office remain open::

Anita Sims
Robert Meyer
Charles H. [unclear] → continued
John Ferns
Lillian Clark
Kathy Erickson
Katherine Weber
Janette Miller
Tom Nelson
Judith Robinson
Nelson Farm
Ida Hokanson
Dean Luth
Bernie Van Jaice
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Cory [unclear]
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To Whom It May Concern:

Silver Star Communications uses our local facility in Freedom, WY (83120) as our primary post office for both incoming and outgoing mail. Even though we recently moved our billing process off site, we have made arrangements to pay extra for the additional service to "Drop Ship Meter" our customer billing so that the Freedom post office will get credit for all bills sent out on a monthly basis. This amount averages \$3,000 to \$3,500 per month.

Sincerely,

Allen R. Hoopes

Allen R. Hoopes
President/CEO

6-6-2011

Gary Sims, Mgr.
Post Office Operations
Area 5 Wyoming
PO Box BC
Riverton, WY 82501

Re: Proposed Post Office Closure Freedom, WY

Dear Mr. Sims:

No doubt the government will save some small amount by closing rural post offices, however, this does not take into account the increased travel cost for the patrons, the loss of productive effort associated with the increased travel times, and the lack of about any other useful service the federal government renders to us Janey lunch buckets of the country. ?

The Post Office is important in our community---the bulletin board is like a town newspaper to us. Your help in keeping our little post office open is appreciated.

All the best,

Rebecca May
Rebecca May
PO Box 289
Freedom, WY 83120

in Soil Bank ?



June 15, 2011

The Honorable Dan Dockstader
Wyoming Senator District 16
P.O. Box 129
Afton, WY 83110-0129

Dear Senator Dockstader:

I want to thank you for your visit on June 13 and for sharing your concerns regarding the Freedom Post Office. In response to the concerns you shared, please know that the letters you provided on behalf of Bob Baker, president of Freedom Arms, and Allen Hoopes, CEO of Silver Star Communications, will be included in the official record submitted to Headquarters personnel for their consideration in the final determination of the study. In addition, your letter of support will be included with the petition signed by the residents of Freedom.

I have communicated with the local Officer in Charge of the Freedom Post Office to have available in the lobby to customers the Optional Comment Form to fill out at their leisure and return to the Officer in Charge. These will also be submitted to Headquarters at the removal of the proposal posting on August 7, 2011.

Per your request, the address of the Postal Regulatory Commission is 901 New York Avenue NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20268-0001. You may also obtain more information about the PRC by visiting their website at www.prc.gov.

One item of concern that we would like to investigate further is the revenue generated by the Silver Star Communications monthly mailing. The Marketing Manager, Sally Tuomi, could not verify with South Dakota postal personnel the drop shipments handled in their office. If you would be so kind as to have the permit number of Silver Star Communications provided to Ms. Tuomi, she will further investigate this matter for you. She may be reached at 303-853-6112.

Thank you for your support of the United States Postal Service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SE", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Selwyn D. Epperson
District Manager
Customer Service and Sales

cc: Sally Tuomi, Marketing Manager (A), CO/WY District
Gary Sims, Manager, Post Office Operations
Linda Gilbert, Government Relations
Marcela Juarez Rivera, Post Office Review Coordinator, CO/WY District



May 26, 2011

United States Postal Service

To Whom It May Concern:

Silver Star Communications will continue to use our local facility in Freedom, WY (83120) as our primary post office for both incoming and outgoing mail. Even though we recently moved our billing process off site, we have made arrangements to pay extra for the additional service to "Drop Ship Meter" our customer billing so that the Freedom post office will get credit for all bills sent out on a monthly basis.

The Freedom post office has been a valuable asset in our small, rural community. It has greatly benefited both the patrons of the surrounding area and Silver Star for over 60 years that we have been in business.

I would appreciate your support in keeping this local post office open.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allen R. Hoopes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Allen" being the most prominent.

Allen R. Hoopes
President/CEO

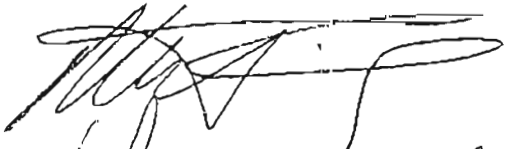
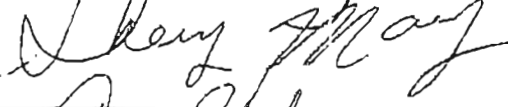
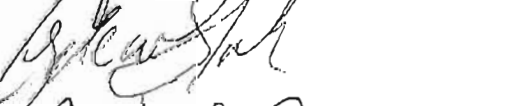
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As revenue cost cuts the office could be closed on Saturday. If the office was closed it would cost the government more to deliver the mail as opposed to boxes in the office. (\$40 compared to \$210 per patron) The Post office is very important to us. It is the center of town. We learn of past and future event through the post office. (funerals of people from all of Star Valley, road closures like Snake River Canyon, flooding, TinCup, the State Line Roads, town clean-ups, and celebrations)

The following would request that the post office remain open::


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Sherry May

Richard Rose

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Anita Seine
Gary Sims
Continued

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<i>Dee Hokanson</i>	<i>Lillian Clark</i>	<i>Kathy Erickson</i>
<i>Ellen Luthi</i>	<i>Katherine Weber</i>	<i>Misty Harris</i>
<i>Ann Luthi</i>	<i>Janette Miller</i>	<i>Tom Nelson</i>
<i>Eileen Lowry</i>	<i>Judith Robinson</i>	<i>Nelson Farn</i>
<i>Ang Lowry</i>	<i>Ida Hokanson</i>	<i>Bernie Van Daise</i>
<i>Sim Ramey</i>	<i>Dean Luthi</i>	<i>Veldon Izatt</i>
<i>Frances Shinkle</i>	<i>Orin</i>	<i>Veloy Izatt</i>
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<i>Dalene Waffley</i>	<i>Wendy Carpenter</i>	<i>Larry Hokanson</i>
<i>Bertie Eyer</i>	<i>Dan Hadash</i>	<i>Clyde Stock</i>
<i>Terrin Conner</i>	<i>Barbara Baker</i>	<i>Gee Stock</i>
<i>Kyndra Lumbia</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>ECHO SERVICES</i>
<i>Sharon Johnston</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Pamela + Richard</i>
		<i>DAVIDSON</i>



Senator Dan Dockstader
Wyoming Senate

3 June 2011

U.S. Postal Service
Area Operations - Denver
Mr. Sylvester Black
1745 Stout St.
Denver, CO 80299

Dear Sir:

As we prepare to review proposed closing for post offices in the Western Area-Denver Region, let me share with you two important points regarding the Freedom, Wyoming facility.

First, we have arranged an agreement with Silver Star Communications, with offices in three counties and two states, to do all of their mailing operations out of the Freedom Post Office. Silver Star includes telephone, cell phone, broadband internet and television services in Wyoming and Idaho.

Second, it would be beneficial for Freedom Arms, a gun manufacturer that ships their product throughout the U.S. and the world, to maintain a home mailing address that acknowledges the town of Freedom. The company is based on the name of Freedom.

Please assist us a community as we try to maintain this postal facility in Freedom, Wyoming.

Thank you for your consideration,

Dan Dockstader
Wyoming State Senate

Committees:

Travel, Recreation,
Wildlife and Cultural
Resources

Transportation, Highway
and Military Affairs



**Representative
Robert McKim**
Wyoming House of
Representatives
House District 21

District Address

10964 Hiway 238

H: 307-885-3733

C: 307-248-2564

rmckim@wyoming.com

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*Transportation, Highways and
Military Affairs*

I am writing in support and encouragement of retaining the Freedom Post Office in Wyoming. This office serves 2 states and 3 counties in Idaho and Wyoming. The loss of this office would place an undo hardship on residents and people in the surrounding areas to receive mail and post mail out. I feel that this reported closure is all about money or profitability which is one reason you could not close an office as stated in your by-laws.

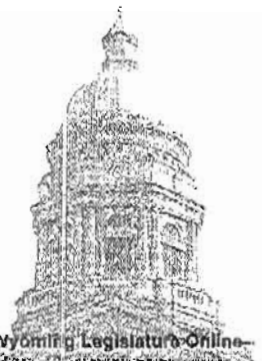
Many local businesses also use the Freedom Post service for mail pickup and point of interest in a town situated with half the street in Wyoming and half in Idaho. Such closure would be historically devastating and premature. It does not make sense to close a post office, yet offer delivery of mail on mail routes for free.

News agencies claim there is a 5.4 billion dollar retiree debt attached to the Postal service and the major expense is retired employees and not ongoing expenses associated with mail service at post offices.

We strongly urge you to keep the Freedom, Wyo. Post Office open for historical and community purposes.

Robert McKim Representative for House District 21

Robert McKim
H.D. 21





May 25, 2011

Manufacturing the World's finest Revolvers

US Postal Service

Ref: Freedom, WY Post Office

Dear Sirs,

Removing the post office and delivery service from the town of Freedom, WY would create quite a disruption to our business. Freedom Arms not only receives and sends quite a bit of mail through the Freedom post office but we send some of our products through the postal service. Without the post office and delivery service we would have to have someone go to Thayne, WY everyday which is five times the distance.

If the delivery service were continued but drop boxes were used in place of the mail being delivered to our office, we would strongly oppose that. At times we receive and ship firearms around the country. We would not want these firearms left in a drop box alongside the road. Even a locking drop box would not provide the security we feel is necessary for the items we ship and receive. Plus the size of the drop boxes I am familiar with are too small for many of the packages we ship and receive.

I encourage the US Postal Service allows the Freedom Post Office to continue serving the people and companies in this area.

Sincerely,

Bob Baker
President

Postmasters President: Closing Small Offices Is A Measure To Make Senior USPS Managers Look Good

May 17, 2011 by Lu

Filed under: NLPM, post office closings, postal, postal news, usps

May 17, 2011 – LEAGUE President Mark Strong testified before the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services and International Security. Mark joined the Postmaster Pat Donahoe and five other panelists to give testimony on the financial condition of the post office as well as addressing Senator Carper's bill as well as the Collins bill.

Included in Mark's comments was testimony on the overfunding of the pension funds as well as the prefunding of the retiree health benefits being at the source of the Postal Services financial condition. During his oral testimony Mark told the Senate Committee that "no business of any type, in any part of the country, could afford to pay a 5 Billion dollar supplemental annual income tax that its competitors do not pay, and remain viable".

Marks remarks also covered the issue of closing of small post offices. Small office closings are one of those cost savings measures that are popular to some mid-level postal officials because they can look good with the impression that they are driving large cost out of the system. He further mentioned that Post Offices and Postmasters....are the glue the binds rural America together. Something some urbanites have a hard time understanding but it is the truth, not rhetoric and not exaggerated.

Jack Jameson
Executive Vice President

Closing of Small Post Offices

There appears to be renewed interest in some sectors in closing small rural post offices, an interest that is too often simplistically tied to the notion of closing excess facilities to drive excess capacity out of the system. This interest has arisen despite the fact that small rural post offices are the keystone of many rural communities, and the fact that closing post offices saves the Postal Service very little money. According to PRC data the total net cost of the 10,000 smallest Post Offices—more than one-third of all Post Offices in the United States—is less than seven tenths of one percent (0.7%) of the total cost of the United States Postal Service. The League just recently re-verified that data with the Commission's staff.

Thus, closing post offices is not a cost savings measure of any serious import, no matter how anyone spins it. It is one of those —cost saving measures that is popular with senior postal managers who wish to —look good and give the impression that they are driving costs out of the system, without really doing so. In order to drive costs out of the system, one needs to focus on

increasing efficiency in the administration of the system (less reports, more hands-on work) and on driving out any excess capacity in the processing and transportation network. The breadth and scope of the delivery network turns more on the number of delivery points in an area, rather than on the number of pieces delivered. The number of pieces delivered goes to the number of routes that exist, and our members have worked with their carriers in very productive ways throughout the recession, in order to consolidate and increase productivity in that area.

* Closing post offices, like the closing of Borders Bookstores or Blockbuster outlets, can seem like a fast way to cut costs, but it carries significant hidden costs. First, unlike other stores, post offices are not just retail outlets; they are part of a nationwide receipt and delivery network. This receipt and delivery network depends upon the existence of these rural offices, and without them there will be gaps in coverage of delivery and postal services.

* Small post offices should not be closed, and indeed cannot be closed without doing serious damage to rural America and the image of the federal government in those areas.

Continue to receive a maximum degree of regular & effective service

PRL
Postal Regulatory Commission

Optional Comment Form

Following are comments I wish to make concerning the proposed discontinuance of the FREEDOM Post Office.

1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

TRAVELING 26 miles A DAY to get our mail would not seem VERY PRACTICABLE, ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING OUR SEVERE WINTERS - EVERY WINTER. TRAVELING 1 mile to CORNER individual mail boxes does not seem VERY SAFE, CONSIDERING WE ALSO OPERATE A BUSINESS AT this P.O. box.

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

This would not seem VERY ATTRACTIVE FOR ANYONE wanting to move to FREEDOM, ESPECIALLY if they had A BUSINESS of ANY TYPE. CLOSE postal SERVICE on SATURDAYS AND get the SAME RESULTS OR BETTER RESULTS

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

How would you like to TRAVEL 26 miles A DAY for your basic Postal NEEDS, ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING WE GET WINTER 7 months of the YEAR.

CHARLOTTE I. GRANACHA

John GRANACHA

Name of Postal Customer

Charlotte I. Granacha

John Granacha

Signature of Postal Customer

P.O. Box 229 FREEDOM

Mailing Address

FREEDOM, Wyo 83120

City, State, and ZIP Code

7/6/2011

Date

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It would be terrible! We need efficient + timely mail service. If our mail has to be sorted at Mayne then it will be more confuse + mixed up than it is now.

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

The Post Office is the only thing Freedom has left. Freedom was the Metropolis of Star Valley in past history. We need a Post Office or Freedom will be obsolete.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

Do you want to go back to the Pony Express? We've come this far so why not just keep progressing? Why go backwards? Cut the salary of the top USPS execs, + share the wealth.

Name of Postal Customer

Jud. Robinson

Signature of Postal Customer

Jud. Robinson

Mailing Address

177 Jackknife Rd.

City, State, and ZIP Code

Freedom WY 83120

Date

7-10-11

Don't deliver mail on Sat. That's not too hard to figure out. It's lots better than losing our P.O.

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Just keep it like it is. How can anyone in a big center know the people's needs in a small area like Freedom. Already we get other people's mail by error - BUT it would be worse if you consolidate.

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

Freedom - a big part of history would be nothing. People meet + socialize at the only thing left in Freedom - the Post Office.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

This P.O. is so infinitesimal in the whole system that it's ridiculous that you're blaming it for your ineffectiveness. There are other ways to cut costs - start thinking!

Name of Postal Customer

Signature of Postal Customer

Mailing Address

City, State, and ZIP Code

Date

177 Jacknife Rd.
Freedom, WY 83120
July 11/11
Stop delivering mail on Sat. instead of closing our P.O.

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I feel it would be an inconvenience and more expensive to have to drive 7 miles everyday to pick up the mail rather than 1 mile.

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

It would mean one less job(s) in our community.
or more

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

I think it is really sad that that offices in a big community can decide the fate of people in rural communities. It would be really inconvenient for us all.

Karen Lowry
Name of Postal Customer

Karen Lowry
Signature of Postal Customer

PO Box 1103
Mailing Address

Freedom, WY 83120
City, State, and ZIP Code

6/22/11
Date

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We live on Hwy 34 in Idaho. We get our mail in our post office box in Freedom, Wy. We NEED to keep this post office open.

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

Thank you for reading my this ~~person~~

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

Name of Postal Customer

Signature of Postal Customer

7112 Hwy 34

PO Box 223

Mailing Address

Freedom, Wy 83120

City, State, and ZIP Code

Date

6-22-11

Date of Posting: 06/06/2011

Date of Removal: 08/07/2011

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE



INVITATION FOR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSAL TO CLOSE
THE FREEDOM, WY POST OFFICE
AND ESTABLISH
SERVICE BY HIGHWAY CONTRACT ROUTE SERVICE

To the customers of the Freedom Post Office.

The Postal Service is considering the close of the Freedom Post Office for reasons stated in the accompanying proposal.

During the 60-day posting period from 06/06/2011 through 08/07/2011 you are invited to provide written comments. Comments will be most helpful if they offer specific opinions and information favorable or unfavorable regarding the potential effect of the proposed change on postal services and on the community. Your comments will be carefully considered and will be incorporated into the official record, which will be made public if the proposal is finalized.

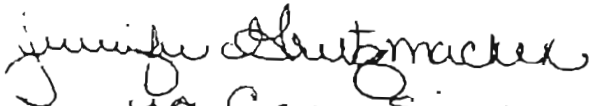
Copies of the proposal and optional comment forms are available upon request at the Freedom Post Office. If you choose to use the optional comment form and need additional space, please attach additional sheets of paper.

Please return the comment form to.

MARCELA JUAREZ RIVERA
7500 E. 53RD PLACE
DENVER, CO 80266-9998

For more information, you may call MARCELA JUAREZ RIVERA at (303) 853-6070 or write to the above address.

Thank you for your assistance.


GARY SIMS
7500 E. 53RD PLACE
DENVER, CO 80266-9998

Following are comments I wish to make concerning the proposed discontinuance of the FREEDOM Post Office.

- WAYNE B. BAKER
Name of Postal Customer
- Wayne Baker
Signature of Postal Customer
- P.O. Box 110
Mailing Address
- Freedom Wyo. 83120
City, State, and ZIP Code
- 7-5-11
Date

July 8, 2011

To The US Post Master,

I wish to make the following comments:

Moving the post office out of Freedom, WY or changing methods of services will directly affect my three companies in the Freedom, WY area. Tincup Sports, LLC, Tincup Enterprises and Freedom Arms ship and receive many registered packages each week which I understand would have to be shipped and received in Thayne, WY or other more distant locations. This would create a severe burden on my companies both in travel expense and time.

I am 86 years old and Freedom has had a post office since before I was born and is a very important part of the Freedom community.

I would appreciate your reviewing the closing of the Freedom Post Office.

Sincerely,



Wayne Baker

Optional Comment Form

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If they close our post office the loss or damage to our mail would be affected with winter snowing and we would have to drive several miles to send packages so most people would just use UPS rather than USPS.

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

We have over 200 people who use our post office service. This would be more expensive to run a route than a post office.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

We have a business here and receive important mail and we would not like this delivered to a box on the road.

Larry & Shirley Jenkins

Name of Postal Customer

Shirley Jenkins

Signature of Postal Customer

P.O. Box 172

Mailing Address

Freedom Wyo 83120

City, State, and ZIP Code

Date

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2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

Weather is a real problem here. Keeping a roadside box convenient for use is beyond our physical abilities. Especially in Winter!!

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

Our resources "money-wise" is limited.
1. Purchasing a box + mounting it
2. Stamps, pkg, etc — unsecured money exchange leave us worried

Vaughn & Danice Haderlie Danice L. Haderlie
Name of Postal Customer Signature of Postal Customer

Box 113 Freedom, Wyo 83120
Mailing Address

City, State, and ZIP Code

Date

7-4-11

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Optional Comment Form

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With the price of gas and bad roads in the winter not having a post office in Freedom puts a burden on the people using the post office to have to travel farther. Rural delivery would cost more money to put up a box and then we would still have to travel for packages.

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

With the post office being the only business open, Freedom would lose its identity all together after being a community for over 100 years.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

Reed Holbrook
Name of Postal Customer

Reed B. Holbrook
Signature of Postal Customer

P.O. Box 244
Mailing Address

Freedom, WY 83120
City, State, and ZIP Code

7-9-11
Date

Optional Comment Form

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How are we suppose to get our packages?
Travel 7 miles or even 20 miles one way?
What about mailing our packages or stamps.
Do you know the hardship you will put on
all of us?

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

By closing the
Freedom Post Office you take our only
way to identify us and our history.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

~~you are asking for extra money to the~~

Tracey Baugh

Name of Postal Customer

Tracey Baugh

Signature of Postal Customer

PO Box 157

Mailing Address

Freedom, Wy. 83120

City, State, and ZIP Code

6-28-11

Date

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If we had to meet the contract mail driver to get our parcels etc it would make the driver late and hard to meet each person's schedule.

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We need to have a focal point in our community. The post office is it.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

We are the 3rd largest post office in Star Valley. Why should we have to close down.

Gayle Izatt

Name of Postal Customer

Gayle Izatt

Signature of Postal Customer

20 Cedar Creek Rd 118

Mailing Address

Freedom, WY 83120

City, State, and ZIP Code

June 10 - 2011

Date

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Weather is a real problem here. Keeping a roadside box convenient for use is beyond our physical abilities. Especially in Winter!!

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Our resources "money-wise" is limited.

1. Purchasing a box + mounting it
2. Stamps, pkg, etc — unsecured money exchange leave us worried

Vaughn & Danice Haderlie Danice L. Haderlie
Name of Postal Customer Signature of Postal Customer

Box 113 Freedom, Wyo 83120
Mailing Address

City, State, and ZIP Code

Date

COMMENTS	ACT	INFO
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Optional Comment Form

Following are comments I wish to make concerning the proposed discontinuance of the **FREEDOM** Post Office.

1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

If they close our post office the loss or damage to our mail would be affected with winter plowing and we would have to drive several miles to send packages so most people would just use UPS rather than USPS -

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

We have over 200 people who use our post office service this would be more expensive to run a route than a post office

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

We have a business here and receive important mail and we would not like this delivered to a box on the road

Larry & Shirley Jenkins

Name of Postal Customer

Shirley Jenkins

Signature of Postal Customer

P.O. Box 172

Mailing Address

Freedom Wyo 83120

City, State, and ZIP Code

Date

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1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

The people and business would be greatly adversely affected by traveling six to twenty-one miles or more to so their postal ~~business~~ business.

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

To put all those people on a route would be terrible - P.O. Box clusters are unsafe - People steal your mail -

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

we love and need our P.O. Please have mercy! P

Rea B. Stock
Clude W. Stock

Name of Postal Customer

Rea B. Stock

Signature of Postal Customer

P.O. Box 227

Mailing Address

Freedom, Wgo. 83120

City, State, and ZIP Code

7/3/11

Date

Optional Comment Form

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1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

We would have to drive an extra 10 miles one way just to mail a letter or any thing else that needed to be mailed and another 25 miles to pick up packages one way and 10 miles to get stamps also or money orders.

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

Would be bad for the Community also and for older people that don't get get around very well or don't have a way to get there

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

Mabye you could keep Freedom post office open and mabye shorten your hours

Carl & Yolanda Eggleston
Name of Postal Customer

Carl & Yolanda Eggleston
Signature of Postal Customer

794 County Road 114
Mailing Address

Freedom, Wyo 83120
City, State, and ZIP Code

6/30/2011
Date

Optional Comment Form

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1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

The Freedom Community has depended on our Post Office for over 100 yrs. By closing the P.O. the residents would be forced to travel at least 5 miles, if not more, to take care of their postal needs. There are a number of older residents that depend on the convenience of having the P.O. close and easily accessible. Traveling, especially in the winter, would create a hardship for many residents.

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

There are several local businesses that use the P.O. to conduct their mailings/shippings and receiving of materials. It would be more expensive for these businesses to travel to other locations to conduct their business. Business addresses and other information would need to be changed causing an addition financial stress.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

There are several qualified postal employees living in the Valley that could take the positions needed to keep the P.O. open.

Kathy Erickson

Name of Postal Customer

Kathy Erickson

Signature of Postal Customer

P.O. Box 184

Mailing Address

Freedom WY 83120

City, State, and ZIP Code

June 28, 2011

Date

Optional Comment Form

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1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

As a Senior citizen; mailing pkgs. - Buying stamps - I send quite a few packages - Also, our winters are long & hard - Roads are not always the best. It looks to me as though the Thayne P.D. would need to be upped & more \$'s spent there also, adding to the inconvenience of our Town who has faithfully supported this P.O.

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

Same as above.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

We need this service -

I sincerely doubt closing our P.O. will have a big impact on the finances of the U.S.P.D. We could of had a descent postmaster yrs. ago but other people used us as a stepping stone to get where they wanted to go - Gary is excellent!!

Annette LUTHI

Name of Postal Customer

Annette Luthi

Signature of Postal Customer

4001 stateline rd

Mailing Address

Freedom, WY 83120

City, State, and ZIP Code

7/7/11

Date

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1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

I ~~am~~ have a heart condition. It would be a disaster for me to close the post office. I am a widow living alone. My mail is a great service to be in Freedom.

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

The gas mileage would be a lot higher for each of us to go that much farther everyday. And the supply of stamps would ~~would~~ be a rather inconvenience.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

The postmaster is a great service for the community.

Bernell Luthi
Name of Postal Customer

Bernell Luthi
Signature of Postal Customer

3782 State Line Rd
Mailing Address

Freedom, Ky. 83120
City, State, and ZIP Code

7-7-11
Date

Optional Comment Form

Following are comments I wish to make concerning the proposed discontinuance of the FREEDOM Post Office.

1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

*It is very much needed in Freedom.
The extra Expense for everyone. The economy is so bad now, it would be a burden on all of us.*

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

It would not help our community at all.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

We need job for people - not take them away from them

Kirk D. Luthi
Name of Postal Customer

Kirk D. Luthi
Signature of Postal Customer

3782 State Line Rd.
Mailing Address

Freedom, Ky. 403120
City, State, and ZIP Code

7-7-11
Date

Optional Comment Form

Following are comments I wish to make concerning the proposed discontinuance of the FREEDOM Post Office.

1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

I feel that the proposal to close the post office would be detrimental to the community. It's nice to be able to go into the post office to retrieve my mail where it's safe from groups of marauding kids, and cattle that some let roam the neighborhood because of their owners not knowing what a proper fence is. When times get tougher some people will resort to stealing contents from mail boxes to find some kids birthday money sent from grandma.

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

I feel that it would have a negative effect on the community.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

Silver Star Communications was thinking of having their postage meter refilled there. They used to do it all the time but has since started the billing process out of house. \$2,000.00 ~~to~~ up to \$5,000.00 per month ought to be ample reason enough to keep the Freedom Post office open.

Cody Luthi

Name of Postal Customer

Cody Luthi

Signature of Postal Customer

P.O. Box 182

Mailing Address

Freedom, WY 83120

City, State, and ZIP Code

6-29-2011

Date

Optional Comment Form

Following are comments I wish to make concerning the proposed discontinuance of the FREEDOM Post Office.

1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

I don't see any favorable effects by having the post office eliminated. I do see the unfavorable effects however being nowhere for people to get their mail + a long distance just to buy stamps.

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

I believe without a post office in Freedom there will be unfavorable effects on the community. I know people who couldn't get a P.O. box elsewhere in the valley have one here. That impacts people even outside of Freedom then.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

I truly feel the post office should remain in Freedom.

Lisa Luthi

Name of Postal Customer

Lisa Luthi

Signature of Postal Customer

332 State Line Rd

Mailing Address

Freedom, WY 83120

City, State, and ZIP Code

6/27/11

Date

Optional Comment Form

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1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

I don't approve of them closing the post office at all. I think it's a hardship on the people to have to go to another town. We have had this one in Freedom for a long. I thought the government was for the people not the dollar.

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

I think it would be an inconvenience for us to have to drive to another town to mail or pick up our mail. The Freedom post office is one of the most important businesses and people attend and depend on it daily.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

I am older and am no longer able to drive so it's very convenient for me to have a post office in the town I live in. Please save our post office!

Lorna Haderlie

Name of Postal Customer

Lorna K. Haderlie

Signature of Postal Customer

P.O. Box 134

Mailing Address

Thayne, WY 83120

City, State, and ZIP Code

June 29, 2011

Date

Optional Comment Form

Following are comments I wish to make concerning the proposed discontinuance of the FREEDOM Post Office.

1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

Just a few Comments from some of the box holders and residence of Freedom, Wy. There will be more coming. Some letters were sent to the office of Gary Sims.

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

Have a question - Has the "freeze" been lifted from the state of Wy. for hiring Postmasters? I undersand Other states have lifted the freeze.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

Good for thought
Silver Star has stated they will have revenue of \$3000.00 to \$3500 per month. (They told me \$5000.00) They will ~~not~~ return their business to South Dakota if P.O. Closes here.

Name of Postal Customer

Signature of Postal Customer

Mailing Address

City, State, and ZIP Code

Date

Ida & Dee Hokanson
P.O. Box 307
Freedom, Wy 83120

Phone 307 883 2816

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1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

My husband Raymond, receives prescription medications from the VA thru the mail. We don't want them left in our PO box so we pick them up at the post office in Freedom which is 1/2 mile from our house. If there is no post office in Freedom we will have to drive the 6 miles to Thayne each time we need to pick up his many prescriptions.

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

I would think the post office would be proud of the history & the name of the Freedom post office

Lynnette A Mena
Name of Postal Customer

Lynnette A Mena
Signature of Postal Customer

542 State Line Rd.
Mailing Address

Freedom, WY 83120
City, State, and ZIP Code

7/1/11
Date

Optional Comment Form

Following are comments I wish to make concerning the proposed discontinuance of the FREEDOM Post Office.

1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

It would be ridiculous and wasteful to our community to abandon our Post Office. Freedom was established in 1879!! Don't abandon us!

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

The town of Freedom is a self-sustaining community with a complete demographic from newborns to great-grandparents — the community is ALIVE & WELL and an important center of communication and contact.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

It is my strong desire to RETAIN our post office at its present status.

James Nieto

Name of Postal Customer



Signature of Postal Customer

5453 Grouse Loop PO Box 194

Mailing Address

Freedom, WY 83120

City, State, and ZIP Code

7-4-11

Date

Optional Comment Form

Following are comments I wish to make concerning the proposed discontinuance of the FREEDOM Post Office.

1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

Our post office in Freedom is a part of the neighborhood and extremely important for families, business owners and seniors!

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

A trip to the post office is a part of a daily routine here in Freedom. Many of us stop in to mail letters, packages or just to say hello.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

The Freedom Post Office is well-used and symbolizes the small town. Please do not take this away.

Candra Nieto

Name of Postal Customer

Candra Nieto

Signature of Postal Customer

5453 Grouse Loop P.O. Box 194

Mailing Address

Freedom, ID 83120

City, State, and ZIP Code

7-4-11

Date

Optional Comment Form

Following are comments I wish to make concerning the proposed discontinuance of the FREEDOM Post Office.

1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

I see nothing favorable in this proposal. I am a senior citizen. I rely on and enjoy having the post office close, also the reliable, regularity of my mail delivery. I don't know what I would have otherwise. Please don't close this facility.

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

I can't see any favorable effects this would have on our community. This post office has always been handy and convenient for the patrons of this community.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

Sherry Luthi
Name of Postal Customer

Sherry Luthi
Signature of Postal Customer

230 County Road 114
Mailing Address

Freedom, WY 83120
City, State, and ZIP Code

July 5, 2011
Date

Optional Comment Form

Following are comments I wish to make concerning the proposed discontinuance of the FREEDOM Post Office.

1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

It's sure nice that us old folks have our mail delivered in front of our house. When you're not as healthy as you used to be any little help is really appreciated. Please keep our Post Office.

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

Delmar & Linda Sanderson

Name of Postal Customer

Linda G Sanderson

Signature of Postal Customer

3012 N. Stateline Rd

Mailing Address

Freedom MO 63120

City, State, and ZIP Code

1/5/11

Date

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1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

For us on the Idaho side, going to Soda Springs to get our mail is plain stupid. Plus having to make total new address after all these years.

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

Its going to be a real loss for our community, we have 2 or 3 big companies & businesses that it would be disastrous for - Plus lost revenue.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

We are one of the bigger post offices in Star Valley or most people & its sad for this to even be considered to close down.

Evelyn Suter

Name of Postal Customer

Evelyn Suter

Signature of Postal Customer

P.O. Box 218

Mailing Address

Freedom, WY 83120

City, State, and ZIP Code

7-5-2011

Date

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1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

Unless There will be additional P.O. Boxes provided in thayne To cover all of Freedom Box users I can't see how this change (closing Freedom P.O.) will possibly be able To provide any reasonable service To Freedom area customers.

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

Ronald Stitt
Name of Postal Customer

[Signature]
Signature of Postal Customer

5540 Weber Lane, Freedom, Wyo
Mailing Address

Freedom, Wyo
City, State, and ZIP Code

2 July 11
Date

Optional Comment Form

Following are comments I wish to make concerning the proposed discontinuance of the FREEDOM Post Office.

1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

Traveling farther for stamps and mailing packages.
This becomes more difficult with the price of gas + for the elderly.

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

It will be a detriment to our community to lose our post office. Especially hard on the elderly.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

Traveling 12 miles one-way for stamps is outrageous.

WELDON CLARK

Name of Postal Customer

Weldon Clark

Signature of Postal Customer

3986 State Line Rd

Mailing Address

Freedom, WY 83120

City, State, and ZIP Code

7/4/11

Date

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1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

It would be unfavorable for me & my family as postal service would be a long trip to go to pick up stamps, money orders, packages & etc.

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

Same as above. Lots of older people rely on this post office. Would be an inconvenience for the entire community. It's 5 miles from Freedom post office but it's alot closer than Chicago.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

There are sentiment value in small communities having a few services. Many people depend & rely on this post office. I want it to stay.

Katherine Rainey

Name of Postal Customer

Katherine Rainey

Signature of Postal Customer

30 Toms Road

Mailing Address

Freedom, WY

City, State, and ZIP Code

83120

7-5-11

Date

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1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

I believe the proposal will have an unfavorable effect on services. If the people need to meet the carrier to "conduct" business, the times would be interrupted if a lot of people needed stuff. Mail would arrive later to other areas. Weather also plays into it. Slick roads, ice & slush are present most of the winter (which lasts about 9 months of the year.)

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

The post office is a place for community information dissemination. If there is no post office, it would disrupt communication for the people of Freedom.

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3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

Without a building it would be hard for my mother to "meet" the carrier or drive to Afton for business. Weather is a big factor.

Jill Hubbard
Name of Postal Customer

Jill Hubbard
Signature of Postal Customer

20 Cedar Creek Rd 118
Mailing Address

Freedom WI 83120
City, State, and ZIP Code

6/11/2011
Date

Optional Comment Form

Following are comments I wish to make concerning the proposed discontinuance of the FREEDOM Post Office.

1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

Closing the Freedom, Wyoming Post Office would have an adverse effect on my family. It would be a huge inconvenience to have to travel elsewhere to send our mail out.

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

The Freedom Post office has always given the whole community a sense of civic pride. It has always been a place where friends and neighbors interact with each other and gain a sense of camaraderie. Closing the Post Office would leave a huge void in our community.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

Please leave the Freedom Post Office open. Leaving it open would continue to help our community grow and develop into a friendly place where others would like to visit. Our whole community would greatly appreciate it.

Jared Clinger

Name of Postal Customer

Jared Clinger

Signature of Postal Customer

43 Jackknife Rd

Mailing Address

Freedom, WY 83120

City, State, and ZIP Code

8-2-11

Date

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1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

Closing the post office ^{would} have an unfavorable effect on the regularity of my postal services. I always use the post office to buy my stamps & for priority & parcel packages.

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

UNFAVORABLE effect on the community. Besides Freedom other communities use the Freedom post office. I like to, or need to use the scales also.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

If the proposal is to close the post office I would suggest the proposal not be adopted. The Post office is a great asset to the Freedom community.

Tyler & Suzi Brog
Name of Postal Customer

Tyler F. Brog
Signature of Postal Customer

29 CR 184
Mailing Address

Freedom, WY 83120
City, State, and ZIP Code

6/27/11
Date

Optional Comment Form

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1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

One unfavorable effect would be to travel 7 miles to do over the counter services, so that would eliminate that convenience. Transacting business at a mail box is not good business, or convenient. I can't see how the mail carriers can get the mail delivered on time and transact these extra duties.

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

Our leading businesses would have to, along with us, go to Thayne to mail large parcels. No one is going to leave them outside by the mail box or wait an extra day for pick-up. For the safety of the package most people would travel to Thayne to mail it, thus costing fuel and time on our part.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

Just make Gary Astle our postmaster and we would all be happy.

KIM C LUTHI

Name of Postal Customer

Kim C Luthi

Signature of Postal Customer

P.O. BOX 203

Mailing Address

Freedom, WY 83120

City, State, and ZIP Code

June 22, 2011

Date

I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE POSTAL SERVICE TO REMAIN A POSTAL SERVICE, AND KEEP THE FREEDOM POST OFFICE OPEN. IF THE FREEDOM POST OFFICE IS CLOSED IT WILL BE AN OFFICE OF NO SERVICE.

IF THIS OFFICE IN FREEDOM IS CLOSED I AM GOING TO BE FORCED TO LEARN TO USE A COMPUTER AND CELL PHONE, AND USE EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE. INSTEAD OF LETTERS LIKE I HAVE BEEN DOING IN THE PAST, AND FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE WITH LETTERS THAN THE OTHER WAYS.

BUT IF THE OFFICE IN FREEDOM IS CLOSED I GUESS I WILL BE USING EMAIL, TEXT MESSAGING, TELEPHONE AND SEND MY PARCELS WITH UPS.

SO PLEASE USE YOUR INFLUENCE TO KEEP THE FREEDOM POST OFFICE OPEN. I FEEL HOPELESS WITHOUT A POST OFFICE IN FREEDOM.

kynden Jenkins
P.O. Box 171
Freedom, Wy
83120

Optional Comment Form

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1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

Closing the Freedom Post Office is the Wrong thing to do because there are other smaller P.O. with more reasons to be closed first. The Freedom office does more business than 30% of the other small offices. Closing it would affect our community adversely. It is needed. It is part of Wyo & America.

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

Closing the office would cost the (U.S.) Postal Dept. more than leaving it open. There are many other better options to save money. The Freedom office has been neglected by management. (No regular P.O. An OIC has run it for several years. Management could put a Postmaster here if they weren't so set on closing.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

Other smaller offices have been left open in Wyo - management doesn't understand our needs (rural) They are trying to make a name for themselves! Our office should not be closed for the reasons given (No Postmaster) (low revenue)

Dee J. Hokanson
Name of Postal Customer

Dee J. Hokanson
Signature of Postal Customer

P.O. Box 307
Mailing Address

Freedom Wyo 83120
City, State, and ZIP Code

July 18, 2011
Date

If it is closed Silver Star will return their business (about 3000 per month) to South Dakota - a loss to Wyo as well as to the community of Freedom!

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1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

We need our P.O. to have important, timely mail service w/o it - you'd have to hire more people at a center, to handle the mail.

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

It would be a crime to delete the last important thing in Freedom. It would be too confusing.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

Cut top employees wages & benefits. Those at the top think they're too valuable. What do they do that's so important except try to make the rest of us feel like peons.

Name of Postal Customer

John Robinson III

Signature of Postal Customer

John Robinson III

Mailing Address

161 Jacknife Rd.

City, State, and ZIP Code

Freedom, WY

83120

Date

7/10/11

Stop Saturday mail delivery before closing our P.O.

Optional Comment Form

Following are comments I wish to make concerning the proposed discontinuance of the FREEDOM Post Office.

1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

THE LOSS OF THE POST OFFICE IN FREEDOM WOULD BE A HUGE INCONVENIENCE TO NOT ONLY THOSE THAT LIVE HERE, BUT TO MEMBERS OF BORDERING COMMUNITIES THAT COME TO FREEDOM DUE TO LACK OF PO BOXES IN THERE OWN POST OFFICES!!! PLEASE LEAVE IT OPEN!!!!

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

I DO NOT SEE ANY FAVORABLE EFFECTS ON OUR COMMUNITY BY CLOSING THIS POST OFFICE!! PLEASE LEAVE IT OPEN!!

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

DESIREE D HOLTMAN

MATTHEW R HOLTMAN

Name of Postal Customer

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Math R Holt

Signature of Postal Customer

PO Box 141

Mailing Address

FREEDOM WY 83120

City, State, and ZIP Code

7-3-11

Date

Optional Comment Form

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Federal law states a post office can not be closed because of financial matters. Silver Star telephone Co will (have) bring their mailing from South Dakota back to Freedom P.O. (\$3000 to \$5000 per Mo.) If office closes they will return their mailing to South Dakota.

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

We have extreme bad weather in our Valley. Some day the Mail is late, late, to deliver to Rural Routes and have the people know of the delayed schedule would be next to impossible. there are 75 Route boxes now If office closes there would be 247 Boxes - the need for a second Mail carrier.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

Freedom is 3rd largest P.O. in the Star Valley Area. We are growing. With people moving in and we will have more need of more service. A KOA for 100 people is being built. we need our post office.

Ida Hobanson

Name of Postal Customer

Ida Hobanson

Signature of Postal Customer

P.O. Box 307

Mailing Address

Freedom, WY 83120

City, State, and ZIP Code

7-18-2011

Date

to put an OIC in Freedom is not the best way to. We need a postmaster. Our experience with O.I.C. has been an unhappy one for us. they did not like Freedom. Ask to be Moved - Garu Aftle has helped us more than any one

Optional Comment Form

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1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

We have enjoyed the convenience of a Post office and the help of the Post master or mistress for many years. They help us prepare packages for mailing and take care of forwarding our mail to another location when we are away. They make fewer mistakes than the people in Denver who continue forwarding things when asked to stop.

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

The Post mistress has helped us mail stacks of wedding + birth announcements over the years. It would be difficult to travel all the way to the thayne Post office, not to mention the cost with the price of gas! Our post office gives us a sense of closeness in our community.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

We think it will discourage people who may be thinking of moving here to our town, without a post office. Since we live on the Idaho side of the town it could cause another problem if the postal service should decide that we should have an Idaho address. The nearest Idaho town is at least 50 miles away.

Name of Postal Customer

Signature of Postal Customer

Mailing Address

City, State, and ZIP Code

Date

Rex + Marsha Wolfley
Wolfley



Restricted Information

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Detail COA Information

Home Logout

Back New Search

Current COA Information is not Available

COARS History Record 1

Move Type: FP Primary: WOLF178
Request: Added
Effective Date: 01/08/2010
Orig Trans : 1001451150109130
Created On: 01/14/2010 11:05 Last Update: 01/14/2010
Status: Active
Last modified by: T650
Machine ID: 5115
Name: WOLFLEY REX SAMUEL
Old CRID: H060
Old 178 NW JACKKNIFE RD
Address: FREEDOM WY 83120-8812-78
New CRID: C006
New 175 S 1150 E
Address: SPANISH FORK UT 84660-2366-75
Next Move: Full Last Name Primary Address
Reduced Address

1001451150109130

OFFICIAL MAIL FORWARDING CHANGE OF ADDRESS ORDER

PLEASE PRINT Names 1-40 in blue or black ink. Your signature is required in item 9.

1. Change of Address for (Please Attach Instructions) 2. Is This Move Individual (88) ☒ Ending Family (88) Business (88) Temporary? Yes ☐ No ☒

3. Start Date: 01/08/10 4. If TEMPORARY move, print date to discontinue forwarding (see 03/27/08)

5a. LAST Name S. WOLFLEY
5b. FIRST Name REX SAMUEL & MARSHA
5c. MI REX SAMUEL & MARSHA

6. IF BUSINESS Move, Print Business Name

7a. OLD Mailing Address 178 NW JACKKNIFE RD
7b. OLD APT or Suite
7c. OLD CITY FREEDOM
7d. For Puerto Rico Only, if address is in PR, print urbanization name, if appropriate.

8a. NEW Mailing Address 175 SO 1150 EAST
8b. For Puerto Rico Only, if address is in PR, print urbanization name, if appropriate.

8c. NEW CITY SPANISH FORK
8d. State UT ZIP 84660

9. Print and Sign Name (see conditions on reverse) Date Signed: 01/09/10
Print: Marsha Wolfley
Sign: [Signature] by [Signature]

PG FORM 3876 MAY 2008 Visit usps.com to change your address online or call 1-800-ASM-4USPS (1-800-275-8777) 0309

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

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Current COA Information (PAD)

Exclude COA

Move Type: FP Request: Added Effective Date: 07/06/2010 Orig Trans: 1019051150104810 Created On: 07/09/2010 Primary: WOLF175
Name: WOLFLEY REX
Old Addr: 175 S 1150 E; SPANISH FORK UT 84660-2366-75 Old CRID: C006
New Addr: 178 NW JACKKNIFE RD; FREEDOM WY 83120-8812-78 New CRID: H060
Label Print: ☐ 3982 ☐ Old Addr ☐ New Addr

COARS History Record 1

Move Type: FP Primary: WOLF175
Request: Added
Effective Date: 07/06/2010
Orig Trans: 1019051150104810
Created On: 07/09/2010 13:52 Last Update: 07/09/2010
Status: Active
Last modified by: 2028
Machine ID: 5115
Name: WOLFLEY REX
Old CRID: C006
Old 175 S 1150 E
Address: SPANISH FORK UT 84660-2366-75
New CRID: H060
New 178 NW JACKKNIFE RD
Address: FREEDOM WY 83120-8812-78
Next Move: Full Last Name Primary Address Reduced Address

OFFICIAL MAIL FORWARDING CHANGE OF ADDRESS ORDER

PLEASE PRINT/Stamp 1-10 In Ink or Blue Ink. Your signature is required in Item 3.

1. Change of Address for (Print Applicant Institution) (Individual (RI)) (Living Family (RI)) (Business (RI)) (Temporary?) Yes X No

2. Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 07/06/10 3. To How Long (mm/dd/yyyy) 07/06/10 4. Is this a temporary move? (mm/dd/yyyy) 07/06/10

5. Last Name: WOLFLEY First Name: REX Middle Name: SAMUEL Last Name: MARSHA

6. OLD ADDRESS (Print Old Mailing Address (Include House/Building Number and Street Name (Include St., Ave., Ct., Etc.) Zip+4 ZIP) 175 S. 1150 E

7. NEW ADDRESS (Print New Mailing Address (Include House/Building Number and Street Name (Include St., Ave., Ct., Etc.) Zip+4 ZIP) 178 JACKKNIFE RD

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9. CITY: FREEDOM STATE: WY ZIP: 83120

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